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**TRANSPORT CLOSES DOWN CORRUPT VEHICLE TESTING STATION**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport have taken a decision to cancel the registration of Durban Roadworthy as a Vehicle Testing Station in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal this morning: This follows the issuing of 42 Certificates of Roadworthiness to vehicles that were never presented for testing, with a large number of these being passenger-carrying vehicles, which operate for hire or reward on a daily basis.

The Department's constitutional mandate is to ensure that our citizens have a safe and effective means of "public transport". To this end one of the principles held to by this Department is **100% compliance** in taking this obligation very seriously. Indeed the Department has invested millions of Rands in ensuring that enforcement at vehicle testing stations is enhanced and processes are put in place to ensure that corrupt examiners are dealt with to the full extent of the law.

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has applauded the closure. "Our officers have worked tirelessly in the pursuit of this and the results speak for themselves. Since 2003 we have closed down 7 vehicle testing stations and criminally prosecuted about 32 vehicle examiners," said Cele.

"The Department cannot and will not allow the actions of a few individuals who enrich themselves at the expense of the misery of the vast majority. Both vehicle examiners and Vehicle Testing Stations have a responsibility not only to the Department of Transport but most importantly to the general public of this country in ensuring that only roadworthy vehicles are certified," Cele added.

The closure of another Vehicle Testing Station in KZN will further bring to the attention of the industry that there is no place for "log book jobs", no place for corrupt examiners and there is certainly no place for vehicle testing stations that allow these sort of actions to be perpetrated in the province.

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