MEDIA STATEMENT

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PMB RTI OPERATIONS BACK TO NORMAL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

Pietermaritzburg, Wednesday, 19 March 2014 – KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport's management and union leadership have resolved issues affecting Road Traffic Inspectorate's officers and ensuring operations are back to normal in Pietermaritzburg.

The Department's management and labour unions together with affected employees, today reached amicable resolutions that would see outstanding overtime and back payments settled within a 14-day period.

As well, as part of the comprehensive engagement process in the last two days, other grievances relating to working conditions, and training and development will be addressed.

"Operations will immediately return to normal as of this afternoon, and from tomorrow (Thursday) all operations will function optimally. In this regard, we would like to thank members of the public for their patience and sincerely apologise for the inconvenience thus far caused," said Sbusiso Gumbi, Head: Department of Transport.

"I have been assured by the management that operations will now work normally and that all the prevailing issues will be addressed as a matter of urgency. This is important to ensure that our officers are always visible on the road to enforce traffic laws and ensure that road users are safe," said MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu.

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