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### MEDIA STATEMENT

TO: ALL MEDIA  
DATE: 22 October 2015  
ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

#### **MEC MCHUNU TO LAUNCH NEW LADYSMITH REGIONAL OFFICES TO FAST TRACK ISSUING OF TAXI OPERATING LICENCES**

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will officially launch new regional offices in Ladysmith tomorrow (Friday, 23 October 2015), to fast track the issuing of operating licences as part of stabilising the taxi industry in the province.

The new Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE) offices are part of improving service delivery and will benefit taxi operators, bus operators, metered taxi operators and tour operators in uThukela District, AmaJuba District, uMzinyathi District municipality and parts of Zululand district.

Previously, operators across the province had to travel to Pietermaritzburg to apply for operating licenses or any valid documentation. The decision to decentralise the PRE offices was taken at the Provincial Taxi Indaba, which was held in Durban in 2012. The Ladysmith office will be the third such office as the Empangeni and Port Shepstone offices are now operational. This is over and above the Pietermaritzburg head office and regional office, which will continue to operate.

Together with eMnambithi Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr. Madlala, UThukela District Municipality Mayor, Cllr. Mazibuko, taxi industry members and other stakeholders, MEC Mchunu will also open an upgraded R6 million state of the art taxi rank in eZakheni.

#### **Details of the event are as follows:**

**Date:** 23 October 2015 (Friday)  
**Venue:** Ladysmith Department of Transport offices and EZakheni FET College  
**Time:** 09H00

All media are invited to attend.

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