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MEDIA ALERT

TO : ALL MEDIA

DATE : 20 FEBRUARY 2015

ATTENTION: EDITORS/ NEWS EDITORS AND PR WIRE

MEC MCHUNU TO SIGN GROUND-BREAKING AGREEMENT TO END VIOLENCE IN THE TAXI INDUSTRY

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will meet representatives of all taxi associations in the province to sign a ground breaking agreement to end violence in the taxi industry.

The signing of this agreement is a culmination of engagements between MEC Mchunu and the leadership of the taxi industry. This is an attempt to ensure total stability in the taxi industry in the province and to forge working relations to root out violence and killings in the industry.

The agreement will see both the Department of Transport and the taxi industry working together on many areas, including auditing of financial statement, profiling of hit-men and legalising all operations in the industry.

Areas like KwaDukuza – KwaMaphumulo – Mandeni and Newcastle have been engulfed by incidents of violence and killings in the recent past, which is linked to disputes over taxi routes and control of associations.

MEC Mchunu will also outline plans for a province-wide operation to clamp down on izinkabi as part of securing long lasting peace and stability in the taxi industry.

Details:

Date: 20 February 2015 (Friday) Venue: Mount Aux (Drakensberg)

Time: 18:00

All media houses are invited.

Please Note: Transport and accommodation is available provided RSPV's are made before 11H00am to Mandisi Mhlongo- (082 805 9072) <u>mandisi.mhlongo@kzntransport.gov.za</u> OR mandisi.mhlongo66@gmail.com

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