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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION IN SUBSIDIZED BUS SERVICES IN KWAZULU-NATAL

The MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda will officially mark the beginning of a transformed bus industry as he signs nine bus contracts with all beneficiaries on Tuesday (18 October 2016)

The Province has a total of 38 bus contracts that it is subsidizing through funding received from the Public Transport Operations Grant (PTOG). In an attempt to empower disadvantaged transport contractors in the previous year, a programme of sub-contracting was introduced in all subsidized operations. The approach was premised on principle that any bus company that has been awarded with a contract must sub-contract 10% of its operation to the previously disadvantaged operators.

The Department has embarked on implementing the Radical Economic Transformation in the subsidised bus operations operating in the province. The 18th of October 2016 will see the signing of the first phase of this exercise, which has benefited nine black owned companies.

MEC will be joined by the local leadership, bus operators and the departmental stakeholders.

Details of the event:

- Date: 18 October 2016
- Time: 10h00-12h00
- Venue: Sihlangene Depot at Richards Bay

Media is invited to attend

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