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**MEC MCHUNU IS CONFIDENT ON THE DEPARTMENTS INTERVENTION BETWEEN
DALTON AND BHAMSHELA ASSOCIATION
TAXI FEUD**

MEC for transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Willies Mchunu has indicated great confidence in resolving the on going taxi conflict between Bhamshela and Dalton Association after the meeting they had today (29/11/10).

The meeting was between the Dalton Association and the high level delegation from Public Regulatory Entity (PRE) including the Registrar from the department following the recent attacks and killings of taxi operators, where issues from the Dalton association were discussed. Amongst issues that were discussed were the recruitment procedure, the route from Dalton to Bhamshela, Turns, Fees (e.g. rank fees).

After the deliberation the department took a decisive decisions where the association was informed that no recruitment should made unless they via the office of the registrar for approval. It was also emphasized that operators must operate within the routes where they have valid operating licenses. MEC Mchunu emphasized on an urgent meeting between the two associations (Dalton and Bhamshela) and the department to discuss the routes matter. The chairperson of the association was advised to investigate the issue of turns and fees and that was to be discussed at that level. The department has

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scheduled another meeting for next Monday (06/11/10) where they will meet both associations for further discussions.

“We as the department are committed in intervening in any taxi conflict and that shows how committed we are in ensuring stability in the taxi industry. Further discussions will still be made and I’m confident that my team will resolve these issues without any bloodshed” Mchunu commented.

Last week Friday a delegation from the department met with the Bhamshela taxi association to discuss their issues as well.

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