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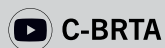


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Leading passenger and freight cross-border land transport regulator, connecting the African continent.

MISSION

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From the CEO'S Desk



Dear Readers,

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to our Christmas edition of our external newsletter, **Transcending Borders**. As the **Cross-Border Road Transport Agency (C-BRTA)**, we mainly use this external publication to update our stakeholders about the Agency's work and other cross-border road transport industry matters. In other words, this publication is used as a tool to share the **C-BRTA's activities and programmes with our stakeholders so that they are kept in the loop**. As an organisation that is heavily reliant on extensive stakeholder engagements to deliver on its mandate, a publication like this becomes an important communication vehicle to keep stakeholders informed about cross-border road transport industry matters.

As part of our work of facilitating the seamless transportation of passengers and goods across the borders, we have been hard at work over the past few months engaging different stakeholders to ensure trade and sustainability of various economies on the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the continent at large. In recent times we convened a Municipality Forum whose purpose is to maintain cooperative and consultative partnerships with municipalities and strategic stakeholders within the trade and transport industry. The forum helps create a platform to address issues amongst the stakeholders with the ultimate objective of facilitating trade between RSA and neighbouring countries.

As part of the programme, we signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). The objective of the agreement is to outline how the C-BRTA and SALGA agree to collaborate on

issues relating to public transport infrastructure development to improve cross-border flow of commuters in South Africa. In addition, the agreement will also, amongst others, look at ensuring that the ranking facilities are sustainably maintained for smooth cross-border road transport operations.

As part of ensuring the safe transportation of passengers and goods along corridors, we officially launched out Law Enforcement Unit, the Road Transport Inspectorate in October. The Unit was transferred to our sister Agency, the Road Traffic Management Corporation in 2017. However, in April this year, the Unit was transferred back to the C-BRTA. With the return of the unit, we promise to ensure that lawlessness along corridors becomes a thing of the past.

In this edition, we have covered several stories which are centred on the programmes and initiatives we are championing as the C-BRTA. These include road safety programmes and key stakeholder engagement initiatives which are central to our operations as the Agency.

Please go through the publication to read more about these. Enjoy the read!

Let me also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024!!

Regards,

Lwazi Mboyi
CEO: Cross-Border Road Transport Agency

The C-BRTA launched cross-alive road safety campaign to promote road safety and tackle illegal cross-border operations during the festive period



In order to ensure safe transportation of passengers and goods across the borders during the festive season, the Cross-Border Road Transport Agency launched its nationwide Cross-Alive Road Safety Campaign on Thursday, 07 December 2023 in Pretoria.

The Cross-Border Road Transport Agency is established in terms of the Cross-Border Road Transport Act (Act No 4 of 1998) as amended. As part of this mandate, the Agency is charged with the responsibility to ensure compliance to road rules as well as to ensure road safety. It is for this reason that the C-BRTA initiated the Cross-Alive Road Safety Campaign which is the Agency's flagship road safety campaign that is aimed at promoting safe transportation of passengers and goods along corridors which lead to various border posts. It also aims to eliminate illegal cross-border operations along corridors as well as to address general lawlessness by cross-border road transport operators between South Africa and neighbouring countries.

The C-BRTA conducts the Cross-Alive Road Safety Campaign throughout the year, but it heightens the campaign during peak periods such as Easter and Festive periods to curb non-compliance to road rules as well as illegal activities on the corridors.

The festive season is synonymous with a hipe of activities induced by migrant workers returning home elsewhere in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for year-end holidays. Consequently, these activities often result in numerous incidents such as road accidents with serious and fatal injuries. Consequently, the said injuries and fatalities have the potential to affect the lives of many citizens negatives, some of whom are still active in the economy, and are bread winners in their families and society in general. These accidents, often increase the burden on the State in terms of cost incurred regarding post-care for the injured, burial and repatriation of human remains for those who may have suffered fatal injuries. In certain instances, children would remain orphaned consequently, some would assume the role and responsibilities of being head of families.

“Similarly, this season is also known for attracting illegal activities such as pirate operators, operators’ non-adherent to permit conditions and increased use of fraudulent documentation to mention a few. The nature of these activities warrants swift and responsive counter strategies to intercept the scourge. It is for this reason that we conduct Cross-Alive Road Safety Campaign along corridors which lead to various border posts to deal decisively with this problem,” said the CEO of the C-BRTA, Mr. Lwazi Mboyi.



The C-BRTA's festive season launch followed the nationwide Festive Season Road Safety Campaign, which was launched by the Minister of Transport, Ms. Sindisiwe Chikunga on Sunday, 26 November 2023 in Gauteng Province. The Minister called on all citizens to observe road rules to curb the scourge of road accidents and fatalities. She also called on all law enforcement authorities in the country and related stakeholders to work very hard throughout the festive season to ensure road safety, thereby reducing road accidents and fatalities.

"We know that our borders have been very busy during the festive seasons in the past and the Cross-Border Road Transport Agency has geared itself to ensure that vehicles coming into, and out of our country are compliant with all requirements. The following ports of entry will be monitored: Beitbridge in Limpopo, Lebombo in Mpumalanga, Ficksburg in Free State and Golela in KwaZulu Natal," said Minister Chikunga.

Following the Minister's call, the C-BRTA's presence will be felt along all major corridors to ensure safe transportation of passengers and goods throughout the festive period.



Back with a bang - the C-BRTA officially launches its Law Enforcement Unit



As part of the C-BRTA's October Transport Month campaign activities, the Agency officially launched its Law Enforcement Unit, the Road Transport Inspectorate Transport (RTI) at the Donkerhook Traffic Control Centre, located on the N4 East of Pretoria on Monday, 24 October 2023.

The RTI was retransferred to the C-BRTA effective 01 April 2023, following the review of the integration of RTI within the National Traffic Police at a Strategic Session hosted by the Department of Transport in 2022.

The role of RTI is mainly to ensure compliance by operators, with all cross-border road transport legislation as well as provisions of the SADC Protocol on Transport Communications and Meteorology.

When delivering the purpose of the event, the Chairperson of the C-BRTA Board, Adv. Sonwabile Mancotywa, highlighted that the day was a special milestone for the Agency. "Today, we finally get to showcase our inspectorate to the public. The Inspectorate serves to ensure compliance on cross-border road transport through inspections and prosecutions of illegal



operators. Cross-border road transport plays a critical role in ensuring trade and social cohesion amongst the SADC countries, therefore, the return places the C-BRTA in a position to better execute its mandate going-forward,” he stated.

The Minister of Transport, Ms. Sindisiwe Chikunga, was represented by the Deputy Director-General (DDG) Mr. Chris Hlabisa. In his speech, the DDG, praised the good work that the C-BRTA was doing in terms of supporting the South African economy by facilitating the seamless movement of goods and passengers across the various borders. Mr. Hlabisa, further went on to mention the importance of RTI in enforcing the rules of the road, and making sure those that break the rules are brought to book. “We cannot deny the fact we are facing a huge problem when it comes to illegal cross-border operations and road safety. RTI will therefore play a huge role in ensuring that the transportation of goods and passengers takes place in a safe and legal manner,” said the DDG.

Furthermore, during the launch, the Agency promoted the legislative mandate of C-BRTA as well as the Enforcement Unit. Amongst others, the activities for the day included the following:

- The unveiling of the Law Enforcement Badge,
- The Unveiling of the Law Enforcement Vehicles, and
- The showcasing the Law Enforcement official uniform.

The launch was attended by various stakeholders including the Operator who were also represented by:
 Mr. Gavin Kelly – Freight Association
 Ms. Charlotte Monakisi – Bus Association
 Mr. Kesias Mlalazi- Taxi Association
 Ms. Mary Phadi – Truckers Association
 Mr. Tebogo Nare – Tour Association

The Operators only had good things to say about the Agency, some of them touched on the challenges that the C-BRTA faced in the early days of its existence, and how these challenges are now a thing of the past under the leadership of Mr. Mboyi.

THE C-BRTA reaches a significant milestone at the Limpopo Investment Conference



In its effort to promote and highlight the role that the cross-border road transport industry plays in economic development, the C-BRTA recently participated at the recent Limpopo Investment Conference which took place in Polokwane from 18 -19 October 2023. The conference was a networking opportunity to establish and build solid as well as long-lasting relationships across various industries. It also afforded the Limpopo Province an opportunity to showcase its economic potential and to attract investors from different sectors of the economy. The focus areas of the conference included the following;

- Agriculture & Agro-Processing,
- Infrastructure Investment,
- Automotive Industry,
- Mining Exploration & Beneficiation,
- Green Energy and Tourism.

As part of the C-BRTA's participation at the conference, the Agency's CEO, Mr. Lwazi Mboyi gave a presentation titled; Connecting South Africa to Africa: Limpopo, the gateway

to Africa, which demonstrated the strategic location of the Province because commercial cross-border vehicles transit the province to various countries in the region. He advised the investors and general delegates to explore opportunities presented by the cross-border road transport industry in order to boost the economy of Limpopo Province and South Africa.

Meanwhile, the C-BRTA and the Musina Makhado Special Economic Zone (MMSEZ) reached a significant milestone by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The purpose of the MoU is to establish collaboration between C-BRTA and the MMSEZ on the following initiatives:

- Skills Development
- Incubation Programme
- Development of a Truck Stop Facility
- Development of a Vehicle Pounding Facility
- Strategic Dialogue to promote collaboration within the transport sector.



The MMSEZ was established by the Limpopo Province and its aim is to accelerate economic growth and create jobs in the far north of Limpopo, by establishing industrial sites.

The C-BRTA is committed to improve the skills and economic opportunities of entrepreneurs within the road transport sector among local communities and designated groups such as women, youth, and people living with disabilities.

“Accordingly, given the opportunities that will be presented by MMSEZ, the parties agree to develop incubation programmes to assist the targeted group, particularly the retrenched and unemployed people. This collaboration will be expanded to other public and private stakeholders to unlock value and partnerships,” said Mr. Mboyi.

According to MMSEZ CEO Lehlogonolo Masoga; “the parties shall assist each other to plan and implement research and training programmes designed to share expertise in areas of mutual interest. We will also explore packaging various customised programmes and jointly seek funding for these initiatives.”

The C-BRTA looks forward to working with the MMSEZ, in order to improve the skills and economic opportunities of entrepreneurs within the road transport sector among local communities and designated groups such as women, youth, and people living with disabilities.

The Agency reaches an agreement with SALGA to bring change in the industry



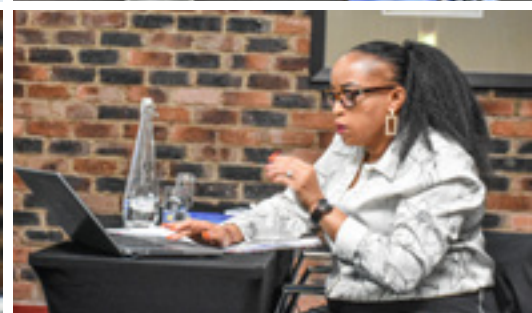
In its continuous efforts to facilitate the seamless movement of passengers and goods, the C-BRTA regularly hosts engagement initiatives with various stakeholders to find solutions to the challenges in the cross-border road transport industry. To this effect, the Agency recently hosted delegates from various Municipalities and Government Entities as part of the Agency's Municipality Forum in Kempton Park, Gauteng Province. The main objective of the Forum is to maintain cooperative and consultative partnerships with municipalities and strategic stakeholders within the trade and transport industry. The Forum helps create a platform to address issues amongst the stakeholders with the ultimate objective of facilitating trade between RSA and neighbouring countries.

There were also a number of presentations during the programme, these included:

- Ranking facilities challenges.
- Law enforcement challenges related to authorised facilities.
- Challenges experienced by Municipalities on cross border operations.

The Agency always aims to assist and resolve issues affecting the industry through continuous consultation and collaboration with various stakeholders.

Meanwhile, as part of the programme, the C-BRTA CEO, Mr. Lwazi Mboyi and the South African Local Government



Association (SALGA) CEO, Mr. Sithole Mbanga, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The objective of the agreement is to outline how the C-BRTA and SALGA agree to collaborate on issues relating to public transport infrastructure development to improve cross-border flow of commuters in South Africa. Furthermore, the agreement will also, amongst others, ensure that the ranking facilities are sustainably maintained for smooth cross-border road transport operations.

The forum as well as the agreement between the C-BRTA and SALGA contribute to the Agency's bigger agenda of bringing efficiencies in the cross-border road transport industry, with the goal of improving trade between South Africa and neighbouring countries.



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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE C-BRTA MAIN OFFICE WILL **CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2023** AND WILL **REOPEN** FOR BUSINESS ON **WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY 2024.**

THE PERMIT OFFICE WILL **CLOSE AT 12H00 ON FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2023** FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

FROM **27 DECEMBER 2023 TO 2 JANUARY 2024**, THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT **12H00** FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS.


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