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PROCLAMATION

No. 3, 2007

LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Northern Province Interim Passenger Transport Act 1999(Act no. 2 of 1999: Regulation on the temporary closure of certain taxi ranks in Limpopo as a Special measure in order to normalize instability and conflict in the taxi industry.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation by the
M.E.C: Limpopo Roads and Transport

I, Justice Piitso, Member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport in the Province of Limpopo, declare the following areas, as mentioned below, as an area where it is, in my opinion, necessary to normalize the situation in the area caused by violence, unrest and instability in the taxi industry and in the interest of passengers, hereby make my intention to close routes and ranks, acting in terms of section 55(1), (2), (3) of the Limpopo Province Interim Passenger Transport Act No.4,1999 (Act No.4 of 1999) of the Act and, as the situation is still abnormal and as the closure of ranks and routes mentioned hereinafter is in my opinion absolutely necessary to normalize the situation, I now make the proclamation in terms of Section 49(7) of the Act, contained in the Schedule hereto.

Given under my hand at Polokwane on this Twentieth day of December Two Thousand and Seven.

JUSTICE PIITSO
MEC: ROADS AND TRANSPORT
LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

REGULATIONS

1. In general, all the taxi ranks and routes within the Mathabatha, Mafefe, Lebowakgomo and Polokwane will be closed for minibus-taxi type services for a period commencing at 08h30 on 21 December 2007 until further notice. This applies to areas and or loading and off-loading zones/spaces operated by Peace and Ikageng Taxi Associations.
2. In particular, the following taxi ranks and routes are closed for minibus taxi-type services for a period commencing at 08h30 on 21 December 2007 until further notice:
 3. **Ranks**
 - 3.1 **Kapa taxi rank, situated in the area of Mafefe**
 - 3.2 **Leporogong taxi rank, situated in the area of Mathabatha**
 - 3.3 **Lebowakgomo taxi rank in the loading zone of Ikageng and Peace taxi Associations, situated in the area of Lebowakgomo**
 - 3.4 **Polokwane Pick 'n Pay taxi rank in the loading zone of Ikageng and Peace taxi Associations, in the area of Polokwane City**
4. No person may undertake minibus taxi-type services on the affected taxi ranks. Any person who does so will be committing an offence and be liable for conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six month or a fine not exceeding R15 000.00 or to both the fine and imprisonment.
5. The affected taxi ranks will only be re-opened if the MEC is satisfied that the following has been satisfied:
 - 5.1 The affected taxi associations have reached consensus on the working peacefully for the safety of commuters, and in terms of the conditions as (or to be) determined by the Department of Roads and Transport.
 - 5.2 The affected taxi associations are committed to the resolution that would have been taken to resolve the conflicts between them.
 - 5.3 On the implementation of an agreement regarding future operations of the affected associations signed by both associations, agreement of which should be approved by the Department of Roads and Transport.

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6. No other person or taxi association would be allowed to operate in the routes of the affected associations other than as directed by the MEC.
 7. Proclamation may be withdrawn in a case of reports and information received indicating that the security situation of participants in the taxi industry as well as passengers in the above areas has been normalized. In this regard, reports in respect of the progress, supported by satisfactory supporting mechanisms to ensure that discipline in the industry can practically be enforced, will be taken into account when the normality/abnormality of the situation and the question whether the proclamation are still necessary is assessed by the MEC for Roads and Transport(Limpopo Province) on daily basis.
 8. Alternative transport will be arranged and temporary permits will be issued on application by the General Manager for Public Transport (Limpopo Department of Roads and Transport) to operators of motor vehicles with a carrying capacity of more than 16 persons, including the driver, to operators on the closed ranks for a period as determined by the MEC. These permits will automatically terminate when the proclamation is withdrawn.
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