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The birth of a new era at the RTMC

In pursuit of its robust and dedicated effort to normalise the situation and operations, the RTMC jointly with the Minister of Transport, Ms. Dipuo Peters' commitment to bring strategic leadership, and improved corporate governance takes great pleasure to announce the appointment of the Entity's Chief Executive Office, Advocate Makhosini Msibi and the RTMC Board. The Corporation for more than three years has been one of uncertainty and apprehension, with no permanent accounting officer, and governance structures in place, to ensure the effective and efficient functioning of the Entity.

The appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and the Board comes at a time when a refreshed outlook on traffic matters in the country is necessary, and the principals have committed themselves to leave no stone unturned, in their efforts to fight road carnage and bring order on our roads.

When the RTMC was in transition over the last three years, men and women at the Entity kept the traffic management home fires burning, and CEO would like to thank them for their efforts in ensuring that the business continued irrespective of the uncertainty in the organisation.

With the establishment of the Board, Advocate Msibi indicated that the Corporation is able to take its rightful place in the road safety space and carry out its mandate with much conviction and commitment. The Corporation's mandate of pooling resources and powers is uppermost in its agenda and the collective engagement of stakeholders and role players at all levels, is its priority. Integrated and multi-disciplinary operations with stakeholders will be undertaken with functions like data collection a more collaborative effort, he added.

The Corporation is actively involved in the establishment of a Road Safety Advisory Council to ensure the road safety intelligence in the country is embraced and South Africa is able to undertake good practice models in road safety.

The CEO admittedly, confirms that the fight against road carnage does not solely rest on the RTMC's shoulders but, the public must play their rightful role and assist the country in halving the carnage on our roads by 2020, as per the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety commitment. In addition, the Corporation is grateful to all stakeholders who have and continue to assist the RTMC in carrying out its mandate.

"In dealing with a pertinent issue like statistical data capturing, validation and quality assessment, the process is not immune from some shortcomings; however we are continually working in finding means, to improve quality data and substantiate the management thereof. I make an impassioned plea to all, to give us time as I believe that under the new leadership every effort, will be made to ensure improved data management, and we would like to be judged on that delivery", he said.

The RTMC in the New Year is going all out to ensure that road users comply with law without discrimination, favour or fear. The "Name and Shame" Campaign, to deter drivers from drinking and driving will soon become a reality, and the Department of Justice will be aggressively engaged to assist us in the process. Furthermore, the 0861400 800 number is to be vigorously marketed, to ensure that unsafe road usage is reported, and the actions taken against perpetrators, is swift.

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Report bad driving to 0861 400 800

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