EASTERN CAPE TO HOST THE NATIONAL DRIVER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION IN PORT ELIZABETH

Approximately 400 people from all over South Africa are expected to descend to Port Elizabeth next month to attend the National Driver of the Year Competition, which is expected to start on 11 to 15 October 2008 at Kings Beach in Humewood.

The event forms part of the 2008 October Transport Month Programme and will be co-hosted by the Eastern Cape Department of Roads and Transport and the Road Traffic Management Corporation. The Eastern Cape will be represented by 12 contestants, including three women, who will be competing in the bus, 3.5 ton, rigid, artic and rigid & trailer categories.

This year, for the first time, a woman by the name of Mrs. T.G. Ruiters from Chris Hani District participated in a rigid category against male participants during the Provincial Competition.

Eastern Cape Provincial Team
S. Madikizela (OR Tambo District) – bus category
TM Mashiya (Ukhahlamba District) – bus category
M Ndamane (Ukhahlamba District) – 3.5 ton category
VT Jimlongo (Ukhahlamba District) – 3.5 ton category
R Jasson (Alfred Nzo) – rigid category
S Ndyawe (Amathole) – rigid category
X Vusani (Amathole) – rigid and trailer
MS Mtomane (OR Tambo) – rigid and trailer
M Madikizela (OR Tambo) – artic category
J Schreiber (Cacadu) – artic category
V Situngu (Amathole) – bus (female)
TC Ngunuza (Amathole) – bus (female)
This year’s competition will run concurrently with the International Driver of the Year Competition to be held in Italy from 01 to 13 October 2008 and the Eastern Cape will be represented by Rodney Hughes from Chris Hani District and Simphiwe Sotshongaye from O.R. Tambo District.

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