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Appalling road conditions in Mpumalanga: A threat to the local economy

Oupa Pilane, the President of the KLCBT, is pleading with the Mpumalanga Provincial Government to take tourism seriously and to start by fixing the roads, especially on the Panorama Route which is the jewel of tourism in the Province.

“The Panorama Route has the potential to create even more desperately needed jobs, especially for the youth in our province. It is a low-hanging fruit that can be maximized to create new and inclusive enterprises that will see more of our previously disadvantaged people taking an active role in the tourism industry”, says Pilane. However, despite its potential to create thousands of jobs, it is one of the most neglected by government when it comes to the condition of the roads.

The KLCBT has engaged government numerous times on this issue, but our requests have fallen into deaf ears and we only saw a few minor sub-standard interventions.

Mpumalanga's tourism sector has welcomed the call by the President of South Africa to join hands and work together to reduce the level of unemployment, but we cannot do this alone and therefore urgently request Mpumalanga Provincial Government to step up and partner with us to create a shared vision that will see our province grow and flourish.

(Read the complete article on www.klcbt.co.za—The Home Page)

Thank you, City of Mbombela

The KLCBT would like to thank the Mayor of City of Mbombela and the MMC for Community Safety who quickly responded to talk to the protestors who were blocking access roads to the Kruger National Park!

This was followed by an immediate clean-up by Mbombela.

Further to this, following requests by the KLCBT, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, indicated that they are planning a radio campaign to inform communities how to address their grievances in the correct manner and how much damage is done to the economy in their own communities by these road blocks. It is devastating to tourism and yet most of the people in those areas is employed by the tourism industry.

KLCBT is also enlisting the assistance of several youth organisations as well as MPs responsible for this constituency, to join the campaign.

Back to Mbombela, another vote of thanks for the increased presence of traffic officials during traffic light outages and accidents in Nelspruit. We trust this spells the beginning of increased traffic law enforcement in Mbombela.

Finally, we would like to thank the amazing personal assistants of the Municipal Manager and the Mayor for your assistance to get messages through to the right people and provide us with critical contact details.

Deadline for submission of Workplace Skills Plan & Annual Training Report

The deadline for submission of these documents to your respective SETA is 30th April 2018. Skills Development is a Priority Element under the amended B-BBEE Codes. Points under the Skills Development element will not be achieved should an organisation fail to submit their WSP and ATR. Not complying with the 40% minimum target for Skills Development, will result in the organisation being discounted a level on their overall scorecard.

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Request for sponsorship for Early Childhood Development Awards

Sponsorship for 20 prizes of recipients of Early Childhood Development Awards is requested. This is a great opportunity to show your appreciation for these amazing and dedicated people and their ECD centres.

Contact us by return e-mail for more information and how to sponsor.