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Introduction of new National Traffic Information System (eNaTIS)

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport today informed all stakeholders and role players of the procedures to be followed during the period 5 April 2007 to 12 April 2007, as a result of the introduction of the new computerised National Traffic Information System (eNaTIS) that will replace NaTIS.

The current NaTIS system was launched in 1993 country-wide and was officially launched in KwaZulu Natal in July the same year. It is a computerised system, which is terminal-based and is used for a number of activities such as registration and licensing of motor vehicles, issuing of learners and driving licences, registration of vehicle testing stations, infrastructure number of Traffic Officers and motor vehicle dealer registrations as well as title holders for Finance House, to name but a few.

The eNaTIS is far more advanced than NaTIS. It is has web-enabled application and a number of advanced functions like online fault logging, effective report management, driving licence booking system. The eNaTIS will, at a later stage, also cater for ATM payments in respect of vehicle licence fees, National Contravention system, National Accident Register, Number Plate Manufacturer Register and AARTO (Demerit system). The Demerit system will make it easy to identify repeated offenders and points will be deducted in their driver's licences. This is expected to be in full running by the latter half of 2008.

The new system (eNaTIS) will be introduced throughout the country over the Easter weekend. Addressing the gathering Mr Chris Hlabisa, who is the General Manager of Implementation, appealed to the public and stakeholders to be patient during the implementation of a complex computer system. KwaZulu-Natal alone has over 2000 users and over 140 sites. One must bear in mind that the changeover from NaTIS to eNaTIS will happen nationally, i.e. all nine provinces will change from NaTIS to eNaTIS, and will essentially entail the following:

5 April 2007 – Data Extraction Day

At 15H00 on this day, the NaTIS data will be shutdown temporarily. The data will be copied, and NaTIS will be restarted and only queries can be performed.

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• 6 April 2007 to 12 March 2007 - Change-over Period

This is the period from Data Extraction Day to eDate. In this period, NaTIS will be available for **enquiries only**. It is to be mentioned that as this period includes the Easter weekend, it essentially equates to 3 working days.

13 March 2007 – eDate

On this day, it will be business as usual, i.e. the registering authority and driving licence offices will process transactions on the eNaTIS.

During the switch over period, whilst offices will be open, officials can only perform enquiry transactions. Officials will however date stamp any documentation received during the changeover period, which will be processed on **eDate**, i.e. Friday, 13 April 2007, as well as issue permits as per legislative prescripts, e.g. for new vehicle sales, etc.

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