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PRESS RELEASE

2010 WORLD CUP SOCCER GROUND SPECTATOR TRANSPORT TICKETS GO LIVE ON FRIDAY, 07 MAY 2010

The Department of Transport has appointed an OPERATION MANAGEMENT ENTITY (a consortium involving two companies, The African Experience and ESC Events) who will manage, operate and provide general spectator transport in safe and secure vehicles for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

South Africa will be experiencing a phenomenal influx of international visitors into the country and by far the largest movement of local soccer fans wishing to savor all that the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup, the largest sporting event to be hosted on African soil, has to offer. This major event will not only place an enormous burden on all inter-city transportation networks but also impact nationally on logistics, safety and security.

With this in mind, the South African National Department of Transport is proud to announce that it has fulfilled its transport commitment to FIFA in readiness for the World Cup, by introducing an inter-provincial and regional transport system which will facilitate the efficient and safe transport of general spectators to and from matches. A major component of this fleet will comprise of 110 newly acquired 79-seater MAN Lion Explorer semi-luxury inter-city coaches specially procured by Government for the Event.

The Department of Transport has furthermore implemented a first-class National Integrated Transport System which utilizes and integrates the services of the newly acquired AutoPax coach fleet (110 units) with that of the Industry's Midi Vehicles, with the purpose and intention of ensuring that the General Spectators long distance transportation needs and expectations are met by safe, comfortable and well maintained vehicles for the duration of the World Cup. The vehicles deployed for these services will be highly recognizable and distinguished through their unique visual branding, which will be prominent throughout the duration of the Event.

Furthermore, all fleet vehicles will carry comprehensive insurance and the required Passenger Liability Insurance.

With an expected increase of additional traffic on the National road network, the Department is of the view that this Transportation Service to General Spectators will undoubtedly ease the impact of traffic and reduce congestion on these main arterials and ultimately contribute to safer driving conditions for all motorists'.

The inter-provincial and regional transport system will be provided in accordance with a pre-determined timetable within the primary route network which links Host Cities with both Inland and Coastal Services. The services will operate from the following inter-city transport nodules (Arrival and Departure points), many of which will be dedicated operational nodules for the Event:

- OR Tambo International Airport in Kempton Park
- Sandton in Johannesburg
- Westgate Station in the Johannesburg CBD
- Pretoria CBD in Tshwane/Pretoria
- Polokwane
- Nelspruit
- Rustenburg
- Mangaung
- Cape Town
- Port Elizabeth
- Durban
- George

The following services are on offer for the Event:

Inland Services

Pretoria, Oliver Tambo International Airport and Johannesburg hubs to and from stadiums in Rustenburg, Polokwane, Nelspruit, and Bloemfontein

Coastal Services

- Knysna to Cape Town, via Wilderness, George and Mossel Bay and vice versa.
- Mossel Bay to Port Elizabeth, via George and Wilderness and vice versa.
- East London to Port Elizabeth, via King Williams Town and Grahamstown and vice versa.
- Richards Bay to and from Durban
- The Wild Coast Sun to and from Durban
- Pietermaritzburg to and from Durban.

Pricing structures range from as low as R140 to only R300 for a one way trip.

The introduction of the 2010 Soccer World Cup Passenger Transport Schedule along with a variety of inter-city corridors linking inland and coastal host cities for World Cup will provide public transportation of a high caliber that is reliable, easily accessible, safe and secure, convenient and affordable to all General Spectators attending any of the scheduled matches.

Designated pick-up from specific hubs located around the country, both inter-provincial, intercity and regional. Drop offs between 150 – 800 meters from the stadium

In making the utilization of these services easily accessible to all, tickets are available through the web based service of STRICTLY TICKETS.

On-line booking system to open on the 07 May through the following websites:

www.strictlytickets.com

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