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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT STATEMENT ON THE NATIONAL BUS STRIKE

Cape Town – The Minister of Transport, Dr Blade Nzimande, appeals to all parties involved in the negotiations aimed at ending the bus strike to urgently and cordially find a negotiated settlement.

Minister Nzimande’s call follows organised labour in the bus industry having served a notice to strike starting today, 18 April 2018. This is after they reached a deadlock with their employers after failing to reach an agreement in their wage negotiations yesterday, 17th April 2018.

Minister Nzimande says parties involved must find a solution inspired by a common desire to make the bus industry a reliable, attractive and safe public transport mode.

“The only reasonable outcome that government expects from the negotiations is the immediate resumption of bus operations, whilst labour and employers are finding a permanent solution to the impasse,” said Minister Nzimande.

Whilst the Department of Transport is not party to the negotiations, Minister Nzimande is observing with keen interest on the negotiations aimed at ending this bus strike.

The Department will keep the public abreast of new developments as soon as they are available.

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