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CIRCULAR TO THE INDUSTRY

URGENT SAFETY WARNING: SWARTBERG PASS

The National Bargaining Council for the Road Freight and Logistics Industry (NBCRFLI) wishes to bring to the attention of all employers, operators, and drivers the serious safety concerns raised by the Prince Albert Municipality regarding the use of the Swartberg Pass by heavy vehicles.

Attached is a letter dated 9 September 2026 from the Executive Mayor of Prince Albert Municipality, Ms. Linda Jaquet, setting out the concerns and recent incidents involving heavy vehicles on the Pass.

In the interest of road safety, employers, operators, and drivers are urged to ensure that heavy vehicles do not use the Swartberg Pass and to use alternative routes. Drivers and route planners must be informed accordingly, and GPS directions should not be followed where they direct heavy vehicles onto the Pass.

We request that this circular and the attached letter from the Executive Mayor be brought to the immediate attention of all relevant drivers, fleet managers, transport managers, and route planners.

Your cooperation in preventing further incidents and protecting drivers, other road users, and the affected communities is appreciated.

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Attachment: Letter from the Executive Mayor of Prince Albert Municipality dated 9 September 2026 – *Urgent: Swartberg Pass: Safety Concerns – Appeal for heavy vehicles not to use this route.*

Yours Faithfully

Musa Ndlovu

National Secretary

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