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## ***MEDIA STATEMENT***

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**Attention: News Editors/ Assignment Editors**

### **CLARITY ON THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM)**

**Mbombela** – The **Department of Economic Development and Tourism** would like to indicate that it is a stand-alone Department from the Department of Finance, that is, there is **NO** Department of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism as it continues to be referred to in the media. However both Departments report to one MEC, Mr Eric Kholwane, who is the MEC for both portfolios, making him the **MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism**. Thus, when referring to the MEC, it is correct to refer to him as indicated above (MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism). However when referring to the Department (Economic Development and Tourism), it would be incorrect to refer to it as including the Finance portfolio.

This **mistake** has been brought about by the media referring to the MEC as the MEC for the Department of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism. It should be noted that the MEC is **not** an MEC of a Department but an MEC (Member of the Executive Council) responsible for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism matters in the Province of Mpumalanga.

We hope this explanation will clarify the matter.

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