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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **MKHATSHWA ENGAGES WITH *LULAWAY* – A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS SERVICE PROVIDER WITH A VIEW OF FORGING A PARTNERSHIP**

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**Sandton** – MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Vusi Mkhatshwa today held a meeting with *Lulaway* – a Services SETA-accredited training provider with youth employment solutions – which prides itself for having placed thousands of unemployment youth in jobs across the country.

“I am really looking forward to working with anyone or company which can place our youth in jobs. As government, we have the mandate to create jobs, so that we can reduce unemployment, especially amongst the youth who are in the majority and the mostly affected”, said MEC Mkhatshwa.

*Lulaway* has placed the Province’s 2 500 young people in various permanent jobs over the past three (3) years.

“I think *Lulaway* is a strategic partner towards us addressing youth unemployment in our Province. They partly have a solution in addressing our challenge of creating permanent jobs and job opportunities for our young people.

MEC has urged *Lulaway* to profile all SMMEs in the Province, so that government could know in which areas to intervene, by providing financial and non-financial support, in order to create the much-needed job opportunities.

“As government, we continue to be committed to fund SMMEs given their high potential to create the much-needed job opportunities for our people. *Lulaway* should now go back, drill the information further and provide us with more details, per district, and per locality, so that we can make informed decisions about available possible interventions”, concluded the MEC.

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