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SUBJECT: BLM TO CONDUCT ANTI –CORRUPTION CAMPAIGNS ON FOREIGN TOURISTS

In an effort to combat acts of corruption by traffic law enforcers on foreign tourists, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality and its stakeholders in tourism development will be conducting a series of Anti-corruption campaigns. The chief purposes of these anti-corruption campaigns are to create public awareness about anti-corruption involving traffic law enforcers and tourists as well as creating a platform for the civil society and tourists to raise their voice against corruption.

Traffic law enforcers have been soliciting and demanding bribes on the spot from tourists for contravening the Road Traffic Act. As a result, complaints were lodged to the municipality, local and regional tourism organisations as well as in South African Embassies by tourists. The anti – corruption campaigns are scheduled to take place as follows:

Date : Friday, 18th September 2015

Time : 11H00 am-16H00 pm

Venue: Mkhuhlu Road

Date : Friday, 25th September 2015

Time : 11H00 am-16H00 pm

Venue: R40 Road Silinda (Acornhoek)

Being adjacent and serving as a gate-way to Kruger National Park (KNP), Manyeleti and various renowned private nature reserves such as Mhala-Mhala, Sabie Sands, Phungwe and others along the boundary of the Kruger National Park; tourism has the potential to stimulate the local economic development and growth which will lead to bulk of employment opportunities and alleviation of poverty.

The Executive Mayor of Bushbuckridge Local Municipality Cllr Renias Khumalo will grace and attend the campaigns. The municipality is committed to protecting and fighting corruption against tourists in its area and it has resolved with its stakeholders in tourism to have tourism safety monitors at every attraction centres, shopping centres and malls. 1000 anti- corruption z –cards will be distributed during the campaigns.

Regards,

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