



**REMARKS BY CLLR KAUNDA AT THE DUNLOP ENTERPRISE  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT NAACAM SHOW**

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Programme Director,  
MEC Mr Sihle Zikalala,  
CEO of SRSA, Riaz Haffejee,  
Honoured guests,  
Members of the media,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Our Dear and Honoured Guests:

I am delighted to welcome you all to this Reception function at the inaugural NAACAM show. It is an honour and privilege for eThekweni to play host to this significant and critical coming together of the automotive industry in South Africa. EThekweni is home to the country's most strategic port and logistics infrastructure, with enhanced export orientated manufacturing activity. The industrial sector is a key contributor to economic growth in the eThekweni region, due its

propensity to create employment opportunities; its predisposition to invest in innovative research and development; and its capacity to derive export earnings. As mentioned earlier, the automotive and component manufacturing sector is a priority job creating sector in the City and the eThekweni Municipality recognises the importance of supporting the sector and its significance as a key contributor to the local and national economy.

It is important to note that through our participation with the Durban Automotive Cluster and their brand, the National Localisation Indaba, NAACAM has partnered to conceptualise this event. The National Localisation Indaba has been widely recognised as promoting localisation in the automotive supply chain and providing a platform for automotive buyers and local suppliers to connect around common supply / demand opportunities with the overall objective of increasing local content. This is the forum to evaluate and gain a deeper understanding of how issues pertaining to localisation can be overcome.

The key themes and critical discussions of the conference highlights the importance of change within the industry – Policy developments and their Implications, Prioritising Skills and most importantly Black Supplier Development and Economic Transformation are all key to Best Practice in Motion.

We would like to congratulate South Africa's automotive component initiative - NAACAM, the Durban Automotive Cluster and partners for coordinating an event of this nature and magnitude, and highlighting the importance of this sector within our economy. As seen today with the programme, delegates have witnessed significant value and outcomes

to the South African automotive industry, through the Automotive Industry Conference and Exhibition.

I Thank you.