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Press Statement

LICENSING OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUEL TANKERS

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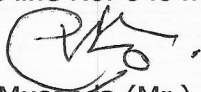
Following media reports regarding the licence status of fuel tankers procured under the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development for purposes of the Youth Empowerment Programme the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) has clarified that the tankers were provisionally authorised to operate for a temporary period.

Arising from an MOU between MYSD and Kapesika, the tankers were registered under the business name *Kapesika Energy and Petroleum Logistics* (KEPL) for purposes of the Youth Empowerment Programme for Fuel Tankers. On 6th August 2021 the ERB granted KEPL temporary approval to operate the Fuel Tankers to transport Government fuel in order to avert a looming fuel shortage in the country.

KEPL would be required to obtain a Licence to operate the Fuel Tankers. Therefore, KEPL has since applied for a Licence to Transport Petroleum Products and the application for a Licence is currently being processed by the ERB.

It must be emphasised that the ERB has in place strict requirements to ensure that only certified Fuel Tankers transport Petroleum Products in the country. Anybody who abrogates the law in this regard is liable to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both in line with the provisions of the **Energy Regulation Act No. 12 Section 10 and 48 (1) (c)**.

Members of the public are encouraged to report possible breaches to the ERB on the Toll Free line No. 8484.



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