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## **Media Advisory**

**To: All Media Houses**

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**For immediate release**

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to be launched**

The Free State Provincial Government, in partnership with Zero Carbon Charge, will launch off-grid, green, and fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Bloemfontein.

Zero Carbon Charge is an investment company that pledged an amount of R230 million during the Free State Investment Conference held two months ago.

This initiative emanated from the government's intention to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adopt the usage of electric vehicles.

The initiative also seeks to alleviate strain on overburdened national electrical grid and facilitates the transition to electrical vehicles, and actively contributes to a greener and more resilient energy infrastructure.

About 15 electric passenger vehicle charging stations and seven truck charging stations will be located across the province in the following local municipalities: Mohokare, Ngwathe, Mestimaholo, Mafube, Tokologo, Maluti A Phofung, Mangaung, Dihlabeng, Kopanong, Phumelela, Moqhaka, Mantsopa and Masilonyana.

The primary goal behind this partnership is to ignite the local economy, create jobs, and new opportunities for small businesses.

This will form part of 120 renewable energy electric passenger vehicle charging stations and 120 truck charging stations that Zero Carbon Charge and Zero Carbon Logistics are building across the country.

Landowners will earn 5% of the revenue generated from vehicle charging, and a percentage of revenue will also be reinvested in local socio-economic development initiatives.

### **Details of the launch will be as follows:**

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024

**Venue:** 173 Nelson Mandela Road, Standard Bank Business Suite, 2nd floor, Bloemfontein

**Time:** 10h00



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Media is invited to attend.

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