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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **BUSA WELCOMES POSTPONEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF GAUTENG ROAD E-TOLLING SYSTEM**

Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) welcomes the decision by SANRAL to postpone the implementation of the Gauteng e-tolling system as a sensible and necessary step. Together with other stakeholders business has been greatly concerned at the likely impact of the planned Gauteng urban road tolls on the costs of doing business, as well as their possible negative effect on employment and people's livelihoods. As the introduction of urban road tolls in other parts of the country has now also been put on hold by government, Busa believes that an excellent opportunity has been created for a serious in-depth consultation on alternative modalities to finance much-needed road upgrading. Busa remains willing to contribute to new thinking on the best way to fund urban road infrastructure in future. It is important to get this right.

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