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### 5 OUT OF 5, THE GAMBLING BOARD ACHIEVES YET ANOTHER CLEAN AUDIT OUTCOME

There are some institutions in our province that continue to get it right year in and year out. The Eastern Cape Gambling Board (ECGB) has achieved a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive clean audit for the 2018/19 financial year. The sterling performance reflects matured governance, meticulous leadership and committed employees said the Chairperson of the Board, Adv. Ncumisa Mayosi.

“This Audit Outcome is testimony to our commitment to be the best, most efficient gaming regulator through effective oversight, governance and a strong control environment. The management and staff continue to work together to ensure that as an entity, we maintain a high level of reliability of performance information and compliance with key legislation” Mabutho Zwane, ECGB Chief Executive Officer said.

It seems the industry agrees with the audit outcomes, as attested by the ECGB being triumphant in two categories during the 2018 Gambling Industry Awards namely “**Most Efficient Regulator** and **Best Responsible Gambling Campaign**.”

“In the year ending 31 March 2019, the ECGB collected R191.3 million in gambling taxes which were subsequently disbursed into the provincial revenue fund. This is accompanied by a 100% achievement of planned key performance targets for the year and a total of 3.6 million people reached through responsible gambling campaigns, emphasized Mr Rodger Hill, ECGB Chief Financial Officer. He further stressed that the entity continues to implement efforts to achieve cost-efficiencies within current economic constraints.

The 2018/19 financial year was surely momentous for the entity as it saw the opening of the anticipated 5<sup>th</sup> casino in the province in Mthatha, a development which is poised to bring much needed socio-economic relief to the town as well as the entire OR Tambo district through job creation and empowerment opportunities for local businesses.

“These outcomes are indicative of an efficient and well-managed organisation with an effective leadership who subscribe to a high level of commitment to clean and transparent processes. As the industry grows and we continue to issue licenses, we remain passionate about ensuring that this growth does not adversely lead to excessive and irresponsible gambling, and we shall relentlessly continue the fight against illegal gambling”, concluded Mayosi.

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