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### Registration of all Suppliers on Western Cape Supplier Database

Knysna Municipality in collaboration with the Western Cape Provincial Government, Eden District municipality and all the other municipalities in the district are migrating to a centralized Supplier Database for all suppliers from 1 July 2015.

Suppliers lined up at the Knysna Library on Monday 1 June to register and were assisted by friendly faces from Knysna Municipality as well as volunteer officials. Swift service was rendered and suppliers were able to step out confidently knowing that they were now officially registered on the Western Cape Supplier Database.

Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans explained the reason behind the move towards this integrated Supplier Database initiative. "The entire Western Cape is moving away from individual Supplier Databases, she said. "The aim is to get all suppliers registered under one singular database platform. That includes suppliers that provide catering, furniture, office supplies, cleaning services, etc., to the municipality".

The purpose of the database is to facilitate uniformity, develop best practice guidelines, inform sound financial governance and to promote and maximize service delivery.

"Through this Supplier Database all of our suppliers will fall under one umbrella", Wolmarans explained. "It will make it easier for the council to find an appropriate supplier because we will now have all the relevant information of the supplier at our disposal".

Ms. Wolmarans stated that once registered the supplier's data is verified and validated. "The supplier only needs to register once and the municipality will assist in the registering and the submission of documentation to the Western Cape Suppliers Data Base", she continued.

"This initiative is not only beneficial to the municipality but to suppliers as well as they will get more customers out of this. A supplier registered with the WCSD will be able to render services to the Western Cape Provincial Government and all municipalities in the Western Cape. It is a great prospect for all stakeholders involved", she concluded.

It is intended to hold more registration days in July in various venues throughout the municipality. All existing and prospective suppliers of municipal goods and services are invited to register on the supplier database. For further details visit or contact the municipal Supply Chain Department on [044 302 6232](tel:0443026232) or [044 302 6438](tel:0443026438). To register please visit [www.knysna.gov.za](http://www.knysna.gov.za) – Council adverts – Supply Chain Management – SCM email list – complete the info and click on submit form. Registration forms may be requested via email at [yhealing@knysna.gov.za](mailto:yhealing@knysna.gov.za) or [nmlisana@knysna.gov.za](mailto:nmlisana@knysna.gov.za).

*Caption:*

*Suppliers registering on the Western Cape Supplier Database*

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