**MEDIA INVITE**

**DESTEA CARES FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF ITS WOMEN EMPLOYEES**

**24 OCTOBER 2018**

Statistics shows that the number of working women has increased through the years, making them an integral part of South African workforce. DESTEA is no different with a total of 299 women who contribute to the achievements and successes of the department.

With that said, working women are faced with many challenges which if not addressed, may create problems and affect productivity or service delivery.

To contribute positively to the wellbeing of its women employees, the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs is dedicating a full day to engage its women on issues affecting their wellbeing and educate them on health topics such as different types of cancer, domestic and gender based violence, safety tips, sexual health, skin care and nutrition.

The aim of the event is to raise awareness about women’s health, to establish support groups for women in need, to establish adherence clubs for those affected and infected by HIV/AIDS diseases and to spread the message about preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases among women and girls.

Employees that are happy and healthy make a positive contribution to their employer by increasing productivity and decreasing absenteeism. The end results of this activity will mean improved employee morale, reduced stress, commitment and increased production.

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**The media is invited.**

**Details of the event are as follows:**

**Date: 25 October 2018**

**Venue: Phillip Saunders Resort**

**Time: 09h00**

**Issued by the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs**:

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