



Dear National Rally competitors and stakeholders

Following recent discussions between African Motorsport Events (AME) and the Algoa Rally Club, we are pleased to confirm that agreement has been reached for the Algoa National Rally, taking place on 10 and 11 July 2026, to once again form part of the South African National Rally Championship calendar.

We appreciate that the recent uncertainty surrounding the status of the event created some concern amongst competitors, teams, officials, partners and supporters. Rallying in South Africa has faced a number of challenges over recent years and we fully recognise the importance of stability, transparency and constructive engagement as we work together to strengthen the championship.

When AME was appointed earlier this year as the official promoter of the National Rally Championship by Motorsport South Africa, our initial objective was to observe the current landscape of the sport and determine how best to assist in stabilising and building a more financially secure and sustainable championship for the future.

Despite these challenges, our commitment remains unchanged to build a stronger, more resilient South African rally community. We believe this can only be achieved through collaboration, open communication and a shared long-term vision for the sport.

We want to reassure competitors and stakeholders that your voices matter. Together with the existing NRC Working Group, whose members now form part of the broader AME committee structure, we are working collectively towards the same objective - creating a sustainable, professionally managed and commercially attractive championship that benefits competitors, organisers, sponsors, officials and fans alike.

The recent change in the status of the Algoa Rally was not taken lightly. We are delighted however that we are able to reinstate the Algoa National Rally as a championship round and we thank the Algoa Rally Club for their willingness to engage constructively in the interests of the sport.

We remain committed to working closely with all stakeholders as we continue to strengthen the championship, improve event delivery, enhance commercial opportunities and grow the profile of rallying in South Africa.

We look forward to seeing competitors, teams and supporters in the Eastern Cape in July for what promises to be another exciting chapter in the 2026 National Rally Championship.

Yours sincerely

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