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## **CENTURION TRANSPORT UNVEILS CUTTING-EDGE DRIVER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO COMBAT INDUSTRY SKILLS GAP**

**[Perth, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023]** — Centurion Transport, a leading name in the Australian transport and logistics sector, is proud to announce the launch of its groundbreaking Driver Development Program. This initiative aims to tackle the shortage of skilled drivers in the industry and enhance the safety of road transport operations.

The CEO of Centurion Transport, Justin Cardaci, highlighted the dual objectives of the program: "The Driver Development Program we are launching exists for two reasons: to address the shortage of skilled drivers across the transport and logistics sector and to help build the skills of those in the industry to ensure they are operating trucks and road trains safely."

This program also seeks to maintain high standards within Centurion's own team and provide opportunities for existing employees who aspire to transition into driving roles.

The company's vision extends beyond its own needs, as Justin Cardaci explained, "We want to deliver best-in-class training for the road freight operators outside these gates, through industry-relevant, on-the-job training and development."

Centurion extends its appreciation to its esteemed partners. Nationwide Training is set to deliver the accredited Certificate III in driving operations, while Eureka 4WD Training will play a crucial role in the licensing component as part of our driver development program.

Centurion Transport has collaborated with Driver Risk Management for their Heavy Vehicle Driving Operations Skill Set and Workforce Australia for sourcing new employee candidates.

Recent data from online job platform Seek, indicates around 20,000 unfilled truck driving positions across Australia, highlighting a substantial demand for proficient, well-trained, and highly skilled drivers within the road freight sector.

Justin Cardaci emphasized the company's commitment to safety and excellence: "As a business that's here for the long-haul, we take seriously our role in ensuring every driver behind the wheel of a Centurion truck can leave this depot – or any of our other facilities around the country – knowing that they have received the best possible training and on-the-job experience we can offer them."

"It is important to me personally that each of our drivers completes their journey and returns to their families safely."

Centurion Transport's dedication to safety and its investment in both state-of-the-art vehicles and driver training reflect the company's commitment to serving its customers and the broader Australian community.

Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport, Hon David Michael MLA, shares the Centurion vision for a safer and more responsible road culture.

"Driving any kind of heavy vehicle carries with it an enormous responsibility in terms of safety, and good training is integral to keeping our roads safe, keeping road users safe and keeping the industry safe.

"Centurion Transport is to be saluted for developing its own approach to addressing the shortage of skilled drivers across the transport and logistics sector, and I'm pleased to see that the Centurion Driver Development Program has safety at its centre."

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