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Greetings and welcome to our latest communiqué. The seemingly endless fuel-price hikes are raising hackles internationally and despite questions from world leaders plus chaos-inducing scenes of industrial action – a million independent truckers on strike in India! – OPEC countries are saying there is no immediate relief in sight. **Bandit** fleet management systems have a proven track record of helping to significantly reduce running costs through optimising vehicle usage.

And in addition to 24/7 live GPS monitoring they are also integrated with the best of our tracking and recovery technological advances, which together creates an indispensable combination when considering a particular aspect of the National Crime Statistics released 30 June: hijackings of commercial vehicles increased by 39.6 percent year-on-year. From our own experience (see Recovery Statistics) we know, too, that *static theft* of commercial vehicles is also escalating rapidly, so *leave nothing to chance* and get the **Bandit** Edge!

FAILSAFE - MORE THAN BIG TALK!

The South African Insurance Industry is more and more demanding that luxury vehicles be fitted with tracking technology in order to qualify for policy coverage, and Bandit has entered into a path-finding new alliance with SUV/4X4 insurance specialists Cross Country with regard to their All-Terrain Policy. Known as FAILSAFE, this venture is one of the clearest indications ever of our unflinching confidence in the efficacy of Bandit Tracking and Recovery Systems. It declares that should a Cross Country policy holder's vehicle fitted with our specifically- tailored FAILSAFE device be stolen from a static situation or hijacked - and NOT RECOVERED - we will pay out as much as R30 000.00 in accordance with the value of the insured vehicle. "At last, a tracking company that's prepared to put its money where its mouth is!" Ian Georgeson, Cross Country Director.



Bandit's Gauteng Sales Manager, Nico Roets, details our spectrum of systems to Cross Country General Manager of Operations, Wendy Richards, and an audience of insurance-related participants at a recent poolside luncheon hosted by Cross Country at its Highveld headquarters.

WIN BIG – THE WINTER CHALLENGE BURST!

Calling all Insurance Brokers in Gauteng – enter our regional competition and stand the chance to win great prizes...from computers to hard cash! The Winter Challenge Burst is centred around our new low-cost **Tracksure** system and closes at the end of August, so start scoring **Bandit** Points now by calling **0800 ACTIVE** or **(011) 675-4336** or **083-415 2945**.

RECOVERY STATISTICS

RECOVERY STATISTICS: JUNE 2008: 100%

This perfect score brings to **94.85 percent** our national average for the first half of 2008, as relates to our complete range of GSM-based Vehicle Tracking and Fleet Management/Integrated Recovery models. Analysing the figures for June, the number of **hijackings decreased** yet further from May's **38.5 percent** to **35.4 percent** of total incidents. **Commercial Vehicles**, however, were involved in **66.6 percent** of June's hijackings – a sharp increase from the **40 percent** handled during May. In line with the recently released national crime statistics, this category continues to be most favoured by criminals and in June accounted for fractionally higher than **82.3 percent** of total incidents – significantly higher than May's **53 percent** - and included **90.9 percent** of **static thefts**.

FITMENT CENTRE NETWORK EXPANSION

Bandit teams up with only the most reputable of fitment centres when it comes to supplementing our hassle-free 'at your premises' installation service.



Even then, we guarantee that all employees at these bespoke operations have been security cleared to the most stringent levels, including polygraph-testing. In this way Bandit is able to assure clients that crucial personal information and system-related data will not fall into the wrong hands. We are therefore extremely pleased to announce the addition of Cape Town's Car Sound and Vehicle Tracking to our esteemed network of **Bandit**-accredited fitment centres.

Adele Elzinga of Car Sound and Bandit's Commercial Director, Craig Taylor, admire the latest recipient of our flagship Executive tracking system.

**SECURITY
TIPS****STOP ONLY AT PUBLIC PLACES WHILST ON THE
OPEN ROAD****BE SAFE**

At all costs, try to stop only at public places while journeying on the open road. This may seem like stating the obvious, but last month's murderous gun attack on three young Hillcrest women proves that this piece of advice can never be repeated often enough. The victims were en route to a KZN Lower South Coast holiday camp for the 'Comrades' long weekend when they stopped near the off-ramp to a filling station in order to change drivers. What followed made headlines around the world: a sudden hail of bullets, one woman dead, another paralysed -possibly for life - all three dumped at the roadside and their car taken. Although the gang may well have been staking out the location with a view to hijacking an exiting car full of petrol - but seized the opportunity that presented itself - had the women driven into the filling station to change drivers this tragedy may nonetheless never have befallen them. Suspicious-looking individuals spotted nearby a filling station approach-way should always and immediately be reported to management - there could be accomplices lying in wait just beyond the forecourt exit.

**RECOVERY ANECDOTE**

Somewhere amid the scenic hills of Durban West a hijacker/robber is nursing at least one bullet wound after mistakenly being shot by his accomplice as their mini crime-spree came to a chaotic end. The saga began during lunch break at a building site in Gillitts when two armed men hijacked a **Bandit**-fitted Nissan diesel bakkie belonging to Electrical Projects of Overport, Durban. Once alerted, our Control Centre determined that the vehicle had driven towards Shongweni then crossed the freeway and was heading back east in the direction of Dassenhoek and Marianhill. One of Bandit's Private Recovery Teams was immediately despatched and within 90 minutes - by homing in on the tracking unit's unique digital Beacon Transmitter signal - found the bakkie abandoned at the roadside in KwaNdengezi. Its blood-soaked interior, ejected bullet-casings, shattered windscreen and dented bodywork demanded that the sphere of enquiries be expanded. By canvassing the surrounding area it was soon revealed that the hijackers had robbed a trading store and been surprised during their getaway by a cyclist who stopped and threw a brick through the bakkie's open side window. The hold-up men had responded with a hail of bullets, at least one of which was misdirected and hit the driver who then crashed several times before the pair completed their escape on foot. They are still being sought by police. Mr Prem Inarman of Electrical Projects described **Bandit's** performance as "excellent" and he thanked Control staff for keeping him appraised throughout the tracking and recovery process.

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