

## TRUCKING WELLNESS ON THE ROAD



◀ Ziyad Gaba, Divisional Manager of FUSO, stands proudly in front of the Trucking Wellness clinic at the Zimela Truck Stop in Warden as a supporter of this great service to the truck drivers of South Africa.



▲ Trucking Wellness MD, Tertius Wessels (right) and project manager Judith Bester explain to Ziyad Gaba, Divisional Manager of FUSO (left) and Jasper Hafkamp, Executive Director of Daimler Trucks & Buses, how the on-site clinics provide services to the country's truck drivers.



▲ Inside a Trucking Wellness clinic, from left: Themba Mthombeni: Operations Director CEP; Sister Dibuseng Leburu; Maretha Gerber; Head of Mercedes-Benz Trucks Southern Africa; and Jasper Hafkamp, Executive Director of Daimler Trucks & Buses.

# Going where rubber meets the road

**I am going to be totally honest here and state an opinion which I feel quite strongly about. Too many suppliers of product into the trucking industry are far removed from the realities of what goes on out on the road. Their concentration falls onto driving the sales which, of course, is a vital necessity but a better understanding of the total environment into which they are selling would be a good thing writes Patrick O'Leary.**

It is thus that when I received an invite to join Jasper Hafkamp, Executive Director of Daimler Trucks & Buses Southern Africa, Maretha Gerber, Head of Mercedes-Benz Trucks Southern Africa, and Ziyad Gaba, Divisional Manager of FUSO on a road trip from Johannesburg to Durban to check out the Trucking Wellness centres at different truck stops on the route, I had to go.

The trip was organised by the good folk at Trucking Wellness led by MD Tertius Wessels and his colleagues, Themba Mthombeni: Operations Director CEP, and project manager Judith Bester. The idea was to give top management from one of Trucking Wellness' long time partners a hands-on feel for what takes place at the clinics. Mercedes-Benz and FUSO have been supporters of this great initiative for many years and the new people at the top wanted to get a close look at how it all works.

I, however, saw it as an opportunity to also show some other aspects of what happens on the road but the time-