



Dear Board member

**RE: Please find inserted below the press statement**

The PPRA Board, received whistle blowers report from the Public Service Commission (PSC) through the Minister of Human settlements, Ms. Nkhensani Kubayi, in December 2021. Following the receipt of the report, owing to the fairness of the board, Ms. Mohlala was accorded an opportunity to provide her version to the allegations dispelling the allegations. The PSC whistle blower's report contained serious allegations, requiring the board to investigate and where necessary take an appropriate action. She accepted this opportunity and made a submission to the board. However, owing to the inadequacy of her response to the allegations, the board took a decision to place her on a precautionary suspension pending a forensic investigation.

The allegations against the CEO, includes the contravention of the pension fund legislation by failing to make contributions to the pension fund, irregular appointments of personnel including flouting processes, appointing against the non existing positions and appointing under-qualified persons. During the investigation, the investigators were furnished with further allegations and evidence amounting to flouting of procurement processes, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, The PPRA staff members also reported serious acts of criminality including intentional misrepresentation, fraud and corruption.

The PPRA board appointed Kettle Consulting, a forensic investigations company to investigate all the allegations against the CEO and the other implicated personnel. The investigation is still on going. The board has received a report from the investigators decrying the refusal and reluctance to cooperate by the implicated personnel including the CEO. However, the investigators have managed to finalise investigating some of the allegations to their attention. Based on the serious nature of the allegations and the corresponding findings, pointed out by the investigations thus far, the board has resolved to prefer charges against the CEO and those implicated. The board will subject the CEO to a disciplinary inquiry and also report the alleged acts criminality to the law enforcement agencies.

The board also notes with concern the attempts to distract and blackmail the chairperson of the PPRA. It is unfortunate that there are members of parliament that have decided to partake in the attempts on the personal character of the Chairperson, without any convincing evidence at their disposal. We are also concerned that the attack on the credibility of the chairperson of the board, is aimed at discrediting the entire board and the organisation. This we suspect, is with the hope that the board will abandon the investigations on maladministration fraud and corruption. The board remains resolute and determined to finalise the investigations and decisively act on the findings.