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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## BARGAINING COUNCIL UPHOLDS DISMISSAL OF THREE LICENSING OFFICIALS FOR CORRUPTION

**GAUTENG -:** The Road Traffic Management Corporation has welcomed the decision by the General Public Sector Bargaining Council dismissing an appeal by three (3) former Mpumalanga Department of Community Safety and Liaison employees who were fired for fraud and corruption.

The three applicants Mr MA Radebe, Ms Joyce Selepe and Ms Thembi Mavuso who were employed at the Standerton registering authority, approached the bargaining council to appeal their dismissal on the 6th of September 2021 after they were found guilty of misconduct.

They were hauled before an internal disciplinary hearing after allegations emerged that, they were involved in misrepresenting information on the eNaTiS by unlawful changing particulars of motor vehicle owners to a bogus dealership (Kommers Motors) to evade full licensing fees that were due to Registering Authority.





They were also charged with fraudulently performing transactions on the system to

classify vehicles as special classification without approval. Heavy motor vehicles were

reclassified as breakdowns or special vehicle as if they do not use public roads.

The Mpumalanga department of community safety and liaison lost R4 million in revenue

because of the fictitious transactions performed by these employees.

information come to light following an extensive investigation by the RTMC's National

Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit. On 23 August 2019 nine staff members were arrested by

anti-corruption unit and the local South African Police Service detective unit. Eight of

them are currently on trial at the Middelburg regional court and one has died.

At the time of dismissal Mr MA Radebe was employed as the Assistant Director and has

been in the employ of the department since 02 August 1999. Accused number two, Ms.

Joyce Selepe was appointed as an Administrator as of 01 April 2004 while Ms. Thembi

Mavuso was also an Administrator from 01 June 1995.

Delivering the arbitration award, the commission said he was persuaded by the

respondent's evidence and arguments in the matter "in that the nature of the allegations

is so serious that no employer would trust such employees in his/her employ. It is for this

reason I also confirm that indeed there is no way one can trust such employees in the

workplace as their conduct of dishonesty and fraud is so egregious which deserves the

abhorrent of greatest degree. I therefore could not find any alternative sanction other

than confirming that the dismissal of the applicants by the respondent is both procedurally

and substantively fair".

The RTMC believes that such decisions will spur the efforts of the corruption fighting

agents to continue pursuing all those involved in bribery, corruption, and fraud in the

traffic law enforcement fraternity.

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