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LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO RESOLVING THE GREAT NORTH TRANSPORT PENSION FUNDS MATTER

The Limpopo Provincial Government wishes to provide clarity regarding ongoing efforts to resolve the outstanding pension and provident payments owed to former Great North Transport (GNT) employees. This is necessitated by picketing that has taken place at the Mowaneng Building of the Office of the Premier since Wednesday, 15 October 2025 until Friday, 17 October 2025.

The matter of unresolved pensions was initially brought to the attention of the Provincial Government by Make It Happen Foundation (MIHAFO), represented by Mr Harry Masindi on behalf of affected former and current employees. Following these engagements, a comprehensive intervention process was initiated in October 2024, resulting in a call by GNT for all former employees to submit their claims for processing.

As of the latest verified records under Alexander Forbes administration and subsequent liquidation, the following progress has been made from a total member files of 1163 (original):

- 787 claims processed by liquidator – (October 2022 – June 2023)
- 376 Files transferred to Fedgroup Unclaimed Benefit Fund
- 214 Additional claims Processed by Fedgroup – (July 2023 – June 2025)

Based on the above, there are 162 files remaining as unclaimed, which are safely held with the Fedgroup Unclaimed Benefit, where they continue to earn interest until all eligible beneficiaries are traced and paid. To this end, the GNT continues with the tracing efforts and calls on all eligible beneficiaries to present themselves for verification and payout.

Given the complexity of the matter, a Task Team was established to address all claimants through procurement of actuarial services to investigate the missing data and subsequently quantify the potential underpayments. Unfortunately, in July 2025 the appointed actuaries, Moremi Actuaries, reported difficulties in obtaining historical data from financial institutions and MIHAFO itself. The actuaries further engaged with FSCA, SARS, AGSA, Department of Labour and prior administrators however obtaining data dating back to 1990 has proven impossible due to the liquidation of former administrators.

It is regrettable that, MIHAFO declined to share its information and instead demanded the Provincial Government to pay an unsubstantiated amount of R500 million to their account.

The Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, said that whilst she sympathises with the cause of the those who still haven't received their pensions payout, it would be reckless of government to accede to this demand that R500 million be paid to MIHAFO's account without supporting data to justify same, especially with no accounting checks and balances put in place.

"We are accountable to the people, the demands that MIHAFO is making cannot be justified under the circumstances. Let them bring names, data and statistics to match the amounts that need to be paid we shall work to make sure that all eligible individuals receive their money," said Premier Dr Ramathuba.

The state of affairs is thus delaying the conclusion of the work by Moremi Actuaries, which is expected to at the end of October 2025. The findings thereof would then be submitted to LEDA, GNT and Provincial Treasury.

The Provincial Government reiterates its commitment to ensuring that all legitimate claims are settled in a financially responsible manner backed by evidence-based, procedurally sound and verifiable calculations.

The provincial government calls call upon all former GNT employees who have not yet submitted their claims to approach GNT offices directly for assistance.

The Limpopo Provincial Government is committed to transparency, accountability and fair treatment of all affected individuals in resolving this matter.

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