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The Joint Liquidators

Attention: Mr Riaan van Rooyen

Via E – Mail

Dear Mr Van Rooven

CHALLENGES WITH THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

- 1. The service delivery failures at the Government Gazette began in early 2021, our letters of demand failed to rectify the difficulties and we brought an urgent application to the High Court for a mandamus writ.
- 2. Our application was successful, I attach the judgment of Mosopa J delivered on the 1st of July 2021, as Annexure "A".
- 3. The service delivery failures appeared to have been rectified, and the Government Gazette Legal A appeared every Friday until early April 2022.
- 4. We again addressed correspondence to the Department of Public Works querying why the Legal A gazette was not appearing on Fridays and would only appear a few days later causing our members great financial loss, I attach one such letter dated 24 May 2022 as Annexure "B".

Executive Board Members: Dr E Levenstein (Chairperson), HY Laher (Vice Chairperson),

TP Glaum (Treasurer) J Brown (Chairperson Eastern Cape Region) Chief Operating Officer: R Bekker – Company Secretary

Board Members: Adv L Acker, A Barnard, G Böttger (Chairperson Western Cape Region),

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- 5. No acceptable explanation was received, and we approached the High Court on an urgent basis for a contempt of court application.
- 6. Unfortunately, Ndlokovane J was not convinced that the matter was urgent but emphasised that the matter had an important public interest component and removed the matter from the roll with costs reserved.
- 7. Our legal team have approached the Acting Deputy Judge President for a special expedited date, and we await the decision.
- 8. The Department of Public Works has brought an application for leave to appeal the 1st of July 2021 order, which we are opposing, and we have requested a date from the Judge's registrar to argue the matter.

We trust the above clarifies the current position.

Yours faithfully

Chief Operating Officer