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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT STATEMENT ON THE MINISTERIAL INTERVENTIONS AT THE PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA (PRASA)

Pretoria - Our country has entered a period of change. So do we in the Department of Transport.

While this change can bring uncertainty and even anxiety, it also offers great opportunities for renewal, revitalisation and progress. As espoused by President Cyril Ramaphosa during the State of the Nation Address, the Department of Transport, subscribes to this renewal project.

Transport is the heartbeat of economic growth and social development. The Department of Transport is one of the lead departments in the transformation of our state economy and society.

The Department is mandated to facilitate and enable a reliable, economic, safe, comfortable and accessible transport infrastructure and services to all.

In executing this mandate, as government we are committed to ensure that we manage our state owned entities efficiently and at the same time, meet certain developmental and social objectives.

It is for the above reasons that I am appointing new members of the PRASA Board to serve an initial period not exceeding twelve (12) months.

Ms Khanyisile Kweyama – Chairperson

Mr Sango Ntsaluba
Mr Louis Wessie
Ms Jenny Schreiner
Mr Nazir Alli
Ms Doris Tshepe
Ms Mashila Matlala

PRASA is mandated to offer an integrated rail passenger service that prioritise customer needs, provide better mobility and accessibility to the majority of the South African population in need of safe and affordable transport, most importantly the working class.

These board members will be joined by representatives of the National Department of Transport, National Treasury and SALGA in accordance with the Legal Succession of the South African Transport Services Act, Act 9 of 1989.

In consultation with, and on the request of the Board, I have also made a decision to appoint Dr Simo Lushaba as the Acting Group CEO (AGCEO) of PRASA.

This Board is carefully selected on the basis of skills and expertise required to run a company of this magnitude. Their skills set include amongst others the technical, corporate governance, legal, finance, risk management and human resources.

As the Shareholder, I ensured that only people with expertise, experience and integrity serve in these vital positions.

I am committed to change the state of paralysis which currently obtains at PRASA and that this must be a thing of the past.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the new PRASA Board and the Acting GCEO and wish to commit my unwavering and undivided support to them. I also would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board.

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