

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA welcomes suspension of Department of Employment and Labour
Limpopo Provincial Head**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the suspension of the Department of Employment and Labour's (DEL) Chief Director Provincial Operations (CDPO) Limpopo following complaints of how the Provincial Office was being managed.

The precautionary suspension will allow for an unhindered investigation into the conduct of the CDPO and the management team. It is trusted that other members of the management team will also be suspended as the CDPO would not have acted on her own.

The PSA previously called for the CDPO's suspension to allow for proper investigation of the many allegations raised by employees. These include alleged contravention of supply chain management prescripts, intimidation of workers, favouritism, and abuse of power. It is also alleged that procured cleaning materials and personal protective equipment that were due to expire were shared between certain members of management. This was not only wasteful expenditure but also tantamount to theft as no employee may take the Department's property without following proper processes.

The PSA warned management against using the pandemic for personal enrichment and the DEL's decision to suspend the CDPO and enlist the services of an audit firm to conduct a forensic investigation will assist in establishing what transpired. Whilst the outcome of the investigation cannot be pre-empted, the PSA calls on the DEL to ensure that consequence management is applied for all persons found to have acted improperly.

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