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To all Stakeholders

PRECAUTIONARY SUSPENSION OF THE REGISTRAR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OTHER SENIOR EMPLOYEES AT THE ROAD TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENT AGENCY

The Board of the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) has, with effect from 05 February 2021, placed its Registrar / Chief Executive Officer (dual role) under precautionary suspension.

The decision comes pursuant to the 2019/2020 Audit findings by the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA), on allegations of serious maladministration by the Registrar and these officials, from and several whistle-blower reports. Having appraised itself with the AGSA findings and whistle-blower reports, a forensic investigations firm has been appointed to conduct a forensic investigation to the findings of the AGSA and whistle-blower reports

To preserve the integrity of the investigation and to maintain stakeholder confidence, the Board therefore has resolved to place the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer and such implicated senior employees under precautionary suspension with full pay, to allow the investigators unfettered access to information to conduct their investigation. Once the forensic report is rendered, the Board will consider the recommendations, take legal advice thereon and then take the appropriate decision on whether there exists any merit for RTIA to proceed with disciplinary action against the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer and such other implicated senior employees.

In the interim the Board has appointed Advocate Mncedisi Bilikwana as Acting Registrar/ Chief Executive Officer who is currently the Executive Head of Legal and Governance.

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For further information, please contact the RTIA spokesperson Monde Mkalipi on 0825753976.

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