



MEDIA RELEASE: **PSA urges Minister of Communication and Digitalisation to uphold court order on SITA Board**

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The Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA), which represents the majority of employees of the State Information Technology Agency (SITA), is extremely concerned about recent events that have caused instability at SITA.

The recent court order against the Minister of Communication and Digitalisation, declaring the removal of the previous SITA Board as unlawful, underscores the importance of adherence to due process and legal frameworks in governance. The Court's decision highlights the necessity for transparency and fairness in all decision-making processes, particularly those impacting public institutions and their employees.

The PSA is further concerned by the unprocedural appointment of the current acting Managing Director and acting Chief Procurement Officer at SITA. These appointments follow the sudden resignation of the previous Managing Director and the suspension of key personnel such as the Chief Legal Officer and Chief Procurement Officer. These event raises serious questions about governance and management practices at SITA.

In light of these developments, the PSA urges the Minister of Communication and Digitalisation to fully comply with the court order and reinstate the previous SITA Board, as directed by the Court. This would mean that all decisions taken by the current unlawful board and the acting Managing Director hold no validity in light of the Court's ruling. This includes the suspension of the Chief Legal Officer and Chief Procurement Officer.

Adherence to legal mandates is essential in restoring stability and confidence in SITA. The PSA remains committed to advocating for the rights and interests of the Union's members and will continue to monitor the situation at SITA to ensure that due process is upheld and that the concerns of employees are addressed in a fair and transparent manner.

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