

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**PSA warns against appointment of the acting CEO of GPW**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), which is the majority trade union at the Government Printing Works (GPW), is warning Minister Aaron Motsoaledi against appointing the current Acting (Chief Executive Officer) CEO\_ Alinah Fosi, into the position of CEO at GPW. The PSA has written several letters to the Minister requesting meetings with him to report and discuss a host of allegations against Ms Alinah Fosi. Since January 2020 to date, the Minister has not availed himself for the meeting despite a series of letters sent to him. In one of the letters, the PSA reported allegations of misconduct and mismanagement against Ms Fosi to the Minister and demanded her immediate suspension. Instead of Minister Motsoaledi affording the PSA an opportunity to serve him with a full report of the allegations and evidence, he proceeded to shortlist and interview Ms Fosi for the position, by completely ignoring reports that the incumbent is not competent and qualified for the position. During Ms Fosi's tenure as the Acting CEO, she has proven to lack the required competency for the post, as the staff morale in GPW has significantly dropped and most employees and managers are complaining regarding her management style.

It appears that the Minister is adamant on appointing Ms Fosi, irrespective of her not being qualified or competent for the role. The PSA is determined to do whatever it takes to protect its members at GPW, even if this means challenging this appointment in a Court of Law. We are still calling on the Minister to do the right thing and suspend Ms Fosi with immediate effect, pending the outcome of her investigation. This is not the time, in our country, to appoint people who are tainted into leadership positions in government entities as we have witnessed how such characters have ran down a number of State-Owned Entities.

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