



**MEDIA RELEASE** **PSA welcomes appointment of acting National Commissioner for Department of Correctional Services**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing thousands of employees in the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), welcomes the appointment of Mr Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale as the acting National Commissioner for the Department.

Mr Thobakgale brings with him more than 17 years of experience and knowledge as a Senior Manager in the Public Service. The PSA believes his experience will add value to the Department's operations and service delivery model. His experience in finance and business administration is much needed to address some of the serious issues facing DCS employees, including the shortage of staff in Correctional Centres, non-payment of overtime, non-implementation of collective bargaining agreements and shift patterns.

The PSA applauds the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services for appointing an acting National Commissioner of high calibre with the hope that this appointment will restore the dented integrity of the DCS, which has been plagued with bad publicity and allegations of corruption. The PSA will continue to support the mandate assigned to the Department.

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