

MEDIA RELEASE Tembisa Hospital mismanagement of asset disposal: PSA demands accountability and calls for appointment of qualified, competent CEO

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely disappointed that mismanagement of state assets, blatant negligence, and an uncaring, lackadaisical attitude by Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital management continue unabated.

The PSA finds it disturbing that the Hospital management is hoarding stocks of medical supplies and equipment in no proper locked storage facilities until these expire and disposing of these without following the necessary protocols in line with the *Public Finance Management Act (PFMA)* and Treasury Regulations. As a result, the Hospital continues to be in a dire state with piles of medical-stock supplies, oxygen/gas cylinders, hospital beds, a tractor, other machinery, and equipment scattered over the Hospital premises. This is a blatant violation of state-asset management and disposal protocols.

Violations of occupational health and safety regulations and national environmental laws governing the storage, handling, transportation, and treatment of hazardous waste are rampant at Tembisa Hospital despite repeated warnings. On 13 May 2026, PSA representatives reported these glaring issues of asset mismanagement to the acting CEO, but no response was received.

The PSA is concerned about the acting CEO repeatedly undermining organised labour and habitually ignoring wrongdoing under her watch. The PSA calls for an investigation into glaring non-compliance with Treasury Regulations and demands that the Gauteng Department of Health publicly shares its findings and a concrete plan of action to correct the situation.

The PSA is further concerned that Tembisa Hospital has been without a CEO for four years, despite Hospital being under the spotlight regarding corruption and mismanagement of state funds. The absence of leadership and accountability is a major contributing factor to non-compliance and lack of improvement at the Hospital. The PSA calls for the immediate appointment of a qualified, competent CEO to take over and urgently address the situation at the Tembisa Hospital.

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