

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH WEST - GOLDEN LEOPARD RESORTS

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Feedback: Golden Leopard Resorts - Unpaid salaries for February

On 9 March 2022 a meeting was held at Manyane with the MEC of the Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Tourism following employees' salaries not being paid. In the meeting, other entities such as NWDC, Tourism Board, Gambling Board, Parks Board, Chairperson of Golden Leopard Resorts Board, DEDECT Executive Management, and Golden Leopard Resorts Management were present.

The MEC explained that Golden Leopard Resorts (GLR) has serious financial problems and government cannot keep bailing it out every time its needs money as it needs to find a way to sustain themselves as a company. To date, the Department has spent over R100 million trying to help it to be sustainable. The MEC requested all parties to come together and develop strategies to rescue GLR as custodians of the institution. The PSA expressed dissatisfaction with GLR Management as they were given R13 million to pay salaries of staff for January to March 2022. It was found that the bulk of the money to pay salaries was used to pay other creditors, contrary to the instruction and purpose with the allocation that was granted.

The PSA insisted that GLR management is to be held accountable for financial revenues such as time shares, tents, and other 50% royalties from the legacy.

Way forward

The Chairperson of the Board agreed that parties should develop a strategy wherein a long-term action plan will be outlined. He assured the meeting that **employees would be paid before end of business on 10 March 2022**. The strategic plan meeting will be held on from 22 to 25 March 2022 where the unions will be represented by three representatives each. **Members are requested to contact the PSA Office in North West IMMEDIATELY if they have not received their salaries.**

GENERAL MANAGER