



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Gauteng Government dissolves LERABALUTA Taxi Association interim Executive Committee**

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure Jacob Mamabolo has dissolved the Leratong-Bara-Lusaka Taxi Association (LERABALUTA) interim Executive Committee following its failure to administer the affairs of the Association in the interest of its members.

Following consultation with the Gauteng National Taxi Alliance leadership, Mamabolo has appointed Mr. Ramilo Peter Johannes Moloto as the Administrator of LERABALUTA with effect from today, 01 September 2020.

Mr Moloto, assisted by the United Taxi Associations Front (Utaf) as the Advisory Committee, will be responsible for the day to day administration of the association as well as the preparations for the election of the new Executive Committee.

Furthermore, Mr Moloto will be tasked with ensuring that all operators are duly permitted to exercise their rights and to use their valid operating licenses to transport commuters on the Association's demarcated routes.

On 11 August 2020, the North Gauteng High Court declared the resolution between the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) Gauteng and the Gauteng National Taxi Alliance (GNTA) an order of the court.

Amongst the resolutions was that the MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure is empowered to intervene and restore order in the administration of unstable taxi associations. It also empowers the MEC to restore good administration in order to prevent infighting and disputes, which are at the root of the violence in the taxi industry.

Furthermore, the MEC is empowered by this resolution to immediately place deviant taxi associations under administration.

“As the provincial government, we are deeply concerned with the manner in which the LERABALUTA interim Executive Committee is conducting its business. We believe the current operations might lead to undesirable consequences”.

"To prevent the worst, we have decided to appoint an Administrator to assist the association elect new leadership that will take this organization forward," remarked Mamabolo.

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