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**Attention: All Media Houses.**

**Response to City Press article and its unfounded allegations – “Limpopo CoGHSTA accused of conspiring to cover up appointment of “unqualified” Sekhukhune CFO”.**

Limpopo Department of COGHSTA hereby seeks to provide clarity and provide guidance in response to the City Press article on 29 January 2024, “Limpopo CoGHSTA accused of conspiring to cover up appointment of “unqualified” Sekhukhune CFO”.

The article alleges that the department’s MEC, Mr Basikopo Makamu, wrote to the municipality “questioning the motive for the municipality to appoint Nkadimeng”. It further alleges that the department uncovered several violations in the process of appointment of the CFO by the municipality.

These and many other assertions made in the article are non-factual and untrue. The Municipality appointed a CFO and submitted, as required by regulations, an appointment file to the MEC.

The MEC responded to the municipality as required in terms of the said legislation, raising outstanding issues and information that needed to be addressed prior to the finalisation of the concurrence by the MEC.

The Municipality eventually submitted outstanding documents which enabled the MEC to finalise the matter. After receipt of these outstanding documents, the MEC responded to the Municipality indicating that **all outstanding documents were submitted as per requirements** of the Local Government: Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers, Read together with Municipal Finance Management Act. Regulations on Minimum Competency for Senior Managers Legislation.

Further that due to the fact that all candidates interviewed that achieved competent achievement level withdraw from the position, the municipality should exercise caution in appointing and promoting candidates with basic achievement level. Basic level achievement would still require municipality to provide necessary support to the candidate as they carry out duties like advanced training. It would be therefore malicious to suggest that basic level equates to failure as the article would want to suggest.

Please note that the above is legislative requirement and that the onus rests with Council of municipalities to make or not to make appointments. Further that at no stage did the MEC protect or shield the appointment process of the said CFO. The process was done in accordance with all applicable legislation.

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**For more information.**

**Kindly contact the Director for Communication Services (CoGHSTA).**

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