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Who deals with this:

To: Executive Mayor

Per email: pamayor@mandelametro.gov.za

RE: NON-PAYMENT AND/ OR DELAYED PAYMENT OF CREDITORS IN NMB

Dear Executive Mayor,

The ensuing protests by council service providers who have not been paid timeously refers.

It is a fact that Nelson Mandela Bay (NMB) is now taking on average more than two months to settle the invoices of creditors whilst the legislated timeframe is only 30 days.

As at 30 June 2022, the end of the previous financial year, the average repayment rate of our creditors stood at an unacceptable 72 days.

This is clearly totally unacceptable and compromises the financial sustainability of many of our service providers, not least Small, micro and medium enterprises.

It is against this backdrop that I want to urge you to facilitate an urgent Joint Mayoral and Budget and Treasury (B&T) meeting so that we can endeavour to understand the root cause of the excessive delays in paying our creditors as well as hopefully identify solutions to the ongoing problem herein.

Given the fact that the position of Speaker is vacant in NMB, I will copy the City Manager as well as the political head of B&T, Cllr T Zumani, herein.

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I await your kind but urgent response hereto.

Sincerely,

Retief Odendaal L.LB (NMMU)

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