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Dear Mr Lekgetho

GREAT NORTH TRANSPORT: REQUEST FOR UPDATE AND REFERRAL OF INFORMATION RELATING TO ELECTRONIC TICKETING

I write regarding the investigation into Great North Transport SOC Ltd ("GNT") authorised by Proclamation 246 of 2025, published on 31 January 2025.

The Proclamation authorises the Special Investigating Unit ("SIU") to investigate various procurement and maladministration matters at GNT.

It has now been approximately 18 months since the Proclamation was issued. I have been unable to identify any substantive public update on the investigation and accordingly request, insofar as the SIU is able to disclose same without prejudicing its work, an indication of:

1. Whether the investigation remains ongoing;
2. What progress has been made;
3. Whether any findings, referrals, recoveries or recommendations have resulted from the investigation; and
4. The current status of the investigation into the fleet management system in particular.

I further wish to bring information concerning GNT's electronic ticketing systems to the SIU's attention.

During 2026, a procurement process was initiated for the appointment of a service provider to install an electronic ticketing system for the GNT fleet.

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I have subsequently received information alleging that technicians involved in an earlier GNT ticketing system may also be involved in the installation or implementation of a subsequent system, notwithstanding an apparent change in service provider.

Concerns have further been raised as to whether the respective service providers are in fact wholly independent of one another, or whether there may be common personnel, subcontractors, directors, beneficial owners or other relationships between them.

It has also been alleged that persons with an employment, official, board or other relationship with GNT may have a direct or indirect ownership or beneficial interest in one or more of the service providers concerned.

I emphasise that these are allegations requiring independent verification and that the involvement of the same technicians or personnel in successive systems would not, on its own, establish wrongdoing.

However, given that the existing SIU investigation specifically includes the procurement of a fleet management system, I respectfully request that the SIU consider whether the previous and current electronic ticketing arrangements are connected to any matter already under investigation.

In particular, it may be relevant to establish whether there is any overlap between the:

- Service providers and their directors and beneficial owners;
- Subcontractors and implementation partners;
- Technical personnel involved in the respective systems;
- Directors and beneficial owners of the service providers and any current or former GNT or LEDA officials, employees, executives, or board members; and
- Persons or entities already under investigation under Proclamation 246 of 2025.

I accordingly request confirmation that this information has been referred to the relevant investigating team.

Yours faithfully



**Jacques Smalle: Member of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature
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