

Media Statement

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UPDATED STATEMENT

CBRTA CEO PUT ON ICE IRREGULARLY - BY FORMER BOARD WHILE HOLDING-THE-FORT FOR THE NEW BOARD

PRETORIA: The National Department of Transport can confirm that Mr Lwazi Mboyi, the CEO of the Cross Border Road Transport Agency (CBRTA) was irregularly suspended by the former CBRTA Board on grounds of administrative issues. However, the suspension was without the consultation with the Minister in her capacity as the shareholder nor concurrence from the Minister.

The decision to suspend the CEO without prior consultation with the Minister, in her capacity as the shareholder of CBRTA, is considered to be inconsistent with the provisions of the CBRT Act. Section 14(1) of the Act expressly vests the authority to appoint the CEO in the Minister, and it follows, by necessary implication that the Board does not possess the authority to suspend the CEO without the concurrence of the shareholder, making this suspension therefore unlawful.

This suspension happened a few days after the CBRTA AGM on 29 September 2025, where the former Board never raised nor mentioned their intention to suspend the CEO to the shareholder.

In his farewell speech to the Board at the AGM, the Deputy Minister as delegated shareholder responsible for the CBRTA had commended the outgoing Board, thanking

them for their services and also updated them about the imminent appointment of the new Board.

However, on their way out the door and unbeknown to the Deputy Minister, the former Board put the CEO on a precautionary suspension, which raised more questions than answers.

The CEO was suspended on the 10th of October 2025, when the board term had ended, but was holding-the-fort for the new Board, which was appointed by Cabinet on 15 October 2025.

This has even been more startling as Mr Mboyi has been able to turn the performance of the entity around, leading the charge for the entity to obtain a clean audit. He has also led processes to build strong relations with other African countries for the integration of continental cross-border road freight and passenger permit system, and with his team, they have shared expertise and knowledge with several other African States on the sophisticated Cross Easy Permit Application System which was introduced just over three years ago and currently being used to issue cross-border permits to cross-border road transport freight and passenger operators .

What next?

The New Board has been directed to regularise the suspension of the CEO and to see if the administrative issues raised by the former Board hold any merit. They are expected to report to the Deputy Minister in due course.

The Board is also expected to look at the following; the allegations that the former Chairperson of the Board informed all CBRTA staff members in a staff meeting about the CEO's suspension before the CEO was formally informed of his suspension; the former Board's irregular appointment of an Acting CEO; the decision of the former Board to renew the contract of the Company Secretary which was allegedly not approved by the CEO due to age of the Company Secretary, a matter allegedly believed to have led to the tipping point in relations between the former Board and the CEO - this will be investigated by the new Board.

New Board Takes Full Command

The Department has expressed its full confidence in the newly appointed board by Minister and approved by Cabinet.

It has also emphasized that that the Board is seized with all these matters and will soon find lasting solutions.

The Department has characterised the arrival of the new Board as the start of the new chapter which will effectively lead the CBRTA to greater height.

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