

MEDIA STATEMENT

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**MEC MATHYE NOTES GAAL BOARD DECISION TO PLACE CEO ON PRECAUTIONARY
SUSPENSION AND REASSURES STAKEHOLDERS**

The MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms. Violet Mathye, in her capacity as shareholder representative of the Gateway Airports Authority Limited (GAAL), notes the decision by the GAAL Board of Directors to place the Chief Executive Officer, Ms Mokgadi Matli, on precautionary suspension with immediate effect.

The MEC respects the independence of the Board to exercise its governance and oversight responsibilities in line with the Public Finance Management Act, the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation and other relevant prescripts.

Ms. Mathye has engaged the Board to ensure that due process is followed, that the rights of all parties are respected, and that the matter is handled with the urgency and transparency it deserves.

Importantly, the Accounting Authority has assured that this precautionary suspension will not disrupt operations at Polokwane International Airport. The airport remains open and fully operational. The safety of passengers, staff and all airport users remains our top priority.

The MEC further assures all stakeholders, including airlines, tenants, and the travelling public, that service delivery will continue uninterrupted during this period. The Department will monitor developments closely and will provide updates as appropriate.

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