



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC EXTENDS SUBMISSION DATE FOR THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY INTO EDITORIAL INTERFERENCE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Johannesburg, Friday, 15 June 2018 – The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) announced the establishment of two high-level Commissions of Inquiry into editorial interference and sexual harassment on Thursday, the 31st of May 2018. Following this announcement, all staff members, independent contractors, suppliers and the public members were requested to report incidents of sexual harassment and editorial interference from Friday, the 01st of June to the 15th of June 2018.

Following positive feedback from SABC staff members, the public, political parties and civil organizations, the public service broadcaster has taken a decision to extend the submission date until Friday, the 22nd of June 2018. The extension will ensure that everyone is given ample time and a fair chance to make their submissions. The SABC appreciates the contribution that has already been made and we encourage individuals who have not as yet made their submissions to use this time to participate.

The two Commissions will be led by highly respected and experienced individuals who have been selected particularly for this purpose and all submissions will be dealt with in outmost confidence.

To report matters relating to editorial interference please email: NewsInquiry@sabc.co.za

To report sexual harassment please email: SexualandPersonalfav@sabc.co.za or you can visit SABC offices countrywide and make your submissions in the boxes allocated for this purpose.

The Acting Group Chief Executive Officer (AGCEO), Ms. Nomsa Philiso stated that “Our primary concern is to ensure that this process is inclusive and does not leave anyone out. We are hopeful that the week-long extension will add value to this process. These commissions of inquiry are established in order to facilitate a renewal process in order to restore the SABC’s credibility as an employer of choice. We are working towards improving our working environment so that all our staff members can execute their duties effectively without fear, suppression, intimidation, interference and any form of harassment. In addition,

we want to improve our relations with our stakeholders in order to embody a public service broadcaster that is reflective of good values and sound business ethics”.

On a positive note, a sexual harassment awareness campaign is already underway at the SABC where staff members are supplied with educational information and encouraged to report any incidents relating to sexual harassment related matters.

The SABC would like to reiterate that a wellness programme, including pre and post counselling sessions will underpin the process of inquiries.

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