



**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
**THE SABC APPOINTS THE GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (GCEO) AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)**

**Johannesburg, Sunday, 24 June 2018** - The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Board of Directors in line with its commitment to continuously ensure stability within the organization, is pleased to announce the appointments of Mr. Madoda Mxakwe as the Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO) and Ms. Yolande van Biljon as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The appointment of the GCEO is effective from the 01st of July 2018 and the CFO's appointment is effective from Monday, the 25th of June 2018.

Mr. Madoda Mxakwe brings to the SABC a wealth of broad combination of great skills and expertise derived from Senior Executive positions in business, communications and public affairs in both the private and public sector at a national and global level. He has the required business acumen, experience and decisive leadership skills in business turnarounds and transformation. He has obtained an MA (Global Political Economy) from Sussex University in the UK, Executive Leadership Developments certificates from London Business School, PGD in Business Administration from Gordon Institute of Business School (GIBS) amongst many other qualifications. He has worked for Nestle serving in different senior capacities, the last one being the country head responsible for Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho.

Ms. Yolande van Biljon comes with a lot of experience gained from various organisations including Denel Dynamics a division of Denel SOC Ltd as Manager for Finance Accounting and later appointed as the CFO. She has made a meaningful contribution during her tenure at Denel Dynamics where she participated in the turnaround of the organization. She also has worked at Glad Africa Group (Pty). She holds a B Com (Accounting), B Compt (Hons), B Comm (Hons) and M Comm (Taxation). She has also qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1996.

The Chairperson of the Board, Mr. Bongumusa Makhathini stated that "These appointments affirm our commitment to attract and retain the best skills to take the SABC to greater heights, particularly to address the evolving broadcasting environment enabled by technology and the changing media consumer patterns. We are proud to say that these appointments reflect diversity in relation to skills, age, gender and race. On behalf of the Board, management and staff I would also like to extend my gratitude to Ms. Nomsa Philiso and Ms. Thabile Dlamini who have held the fort until the finalisation of these appointments".

The Board believes that these two appointments will strengthen the organization's position as a credible and reliable public service content provider.

As part of the continuous efforts to bring stability, the SABC is in the process of finalising other Group Executives appointments in order to achieve sound governance in all the SABC's business units. The organization has recently filled in the positions of the COO, Head of Internal Audit, and Group Executive: Human Resources and Group Executive: News and Current Affairs.

The SABC remains committed to delivering compelling content that is relevant and accessible by all.

Issued by Group Communication on behalf of the Chairperson of the SABC Board, Mr. Bongumusa Makhathini.

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