



SABC RESPONSE TO SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE

Johannesburg – Sunday, 14 July 2019 - The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has noted the Sunday Times's article published today '***SABC's plan cuts up to a third of staff***' and refutes the claims made in the story.

The SABC would like to put on record that it does not have any new plans to retrench staff, and the journalist only enquired about the 11 pre-conditions in relation to the SABC's application for funding to National Treasury. There was no discussion around the issue of retrenchments.

In addition, it must be reiterated that on 31 January 2019, the corporation announced that it had aborted the process of Section 189 of the LRA and would not renew the notice to invoke Section 189. This followed constructive and extensive engagements with various stakeholders, including the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Communications, Organised Labour and our own employees.

Currently there is a skills audit underway, under the auspices of the Department of Communications and following this process, the results of the skills audit in relation to staff optimisation will be fully engaged with all stakeholders, including Organised Labour and employees of the SABC.

The SABC requests that the process of the funding application be allowed to be finalized, in order not to create panic and uncertainty amongst SABC employees and the public at large.

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