

MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC SENDS CONDOLENCES TO MR. LOYISO LLOYD SITSHEKE'S FAMILY

Johannesburg-Thursday, **30 April 2020**-The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) would like to send its heartfelt condolences to the Sitsheke family, following the passing of Mr. Loyiso Lloyd Sitsheke.

Loyiso was born in Qumbu, a town in the Eastern Cape and commenced his radio career at Unitra community radio also known as UCR-FM in 1996, before joining the SABC.

Affectionately known as Bra Llyod, Loyiso was one of Umhlobo Wenene FM's talented Sport personalities. He presented various sports shows including the sports bulletins and headlines on the station's afternoon drive show *Masigoduke* and *Ezemidlalo* sports show, from 19h00 to 20h00, Mondays and Fridays.

He also presented *Ezemidlalo Nolonwabo*, a very popular show with Umhlobo Wenene FM listeners and the nation at large on Saturday mornings from 07h00 to 09h00.

Among his notable radio career highlights was growing his weekend show from 780 000 listeners to the latest figure of 1.8million listeners. The station and its listeners will remember him for his great ideas, remarkable knowledge and warm personality.

The SABC Eastern Cape Provincial General Manager, Mr Phumzile Mnci stated "We are deeply shocked and saddened by the passing of one of our most experienced and brilliant radio presenters the station has ever had. The station's sports programmes will never be the same again. Bra Lloyd was the pillar behind the success and the growth of the station's listenership on both weekdays and weekend shows". Loyiso will be sorely missed by his colleagues and may his soul rest in eternal peace.

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