



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **SABC RESPONDS TO FALSE AND MISLEADING ARTICLE BY SUNDAY WORLD**

**Johannesburg- Monday, 07 December 2020-** The SABC Board has noted an article in the Sunday World headlined “Broadcaster Blasts News Boss” dated 6 December 2020 and written by journalist Aubrey Mothombeni. The article contains several false, misleading and completely fictitious information about alleged SABC Board’s decision on the Group Executive: News and Current Affairs, Ms Phathiswa Magopeni.

The SABC Board would like to make it emphatically clear that it has never had any discussions or taken any decision to “charge” Ms Magopeni. We consider these allegations as completely malicious and false and record that no such discussion took place. Apart from the fact that the SABC Board cannot involve itself in operational matters or editorial affairs, the Board is deeply concerned that the Sunday World, relying on information allegedly from “some Board members”, has completely invented a Board discussion, including the alleged charges levelled against Ms Magopeni.

The Board strongly rejects the claim by the Sunday World that a disciplinary process has been “kickstarted” by the Board against Ms Magopeni. Again, no such discussion took place. It should be noted that Ms Magopeni does not report directly to the SABC Board and therefore the Sunday World’s claims are baseless and without foundation.

The SABC Board demands a retraction by the Sunday World for this false and misleading article.

Issued by the SABC Board.

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