



MEDIA STATEMENT

UKHOZI FM CONCLUDES MATTER RELATING TO KHATHIDE NGOBE'S SOCIAL MEDIA UTTERANCES

Durban – Wednesday, 03 February 2021 - On 10 January 2021 Ukhozi FM's Khathide "Tshatha" Ngobe took to social media to discuss SABC matters on a public platform without the permission of the organisation. The utterances made by Mr Ngobe, were a transgression, which the organisation viewed in a serious light as they were damaging to the SABC's reputation, particularly Ukhozi FM.

In his post, Mr Ngobe correctly pointed out that the popular Ukhozi FM campaign "Ingoma Ehlukanisa Unyaka" he was referring to, did not have a voting element back in 2005. However, Mr Ngobe took an unofficial position to speak on behalf of the organisation, mentioning the names of artists which the organisation respects and considers important stakeholders in the music industry.

Furthermore, his utterances were misconstrued, alleging vote-rigging by station management, despite no public voting in that particular year. In 2009, the station introduced a voting element to the campaign. Since then, auditors have been appointed every year to ensure that all results are fair and transparent, as is the case with all campaigns that involve voting at the SABC on all of its platforms.

Ukhozi FM management has concluded the matter with Khathide Ngobe, and a decision has been taken that Mr Ngobe will remain off-air until the end of March 2021. Mr. Ngobe has also committed to making a public apology on his social media platforms today.

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