



Concession Company (Pty) Ltd



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BOMBELA SEEKS AMICABLE SOLUTION TO ONGOING STRIKE

Unfortunately, the CCMA's attempt to intervene in the wage deadlock between the Bombela Operating Company and the UNTU has been unsuccessful. The union abandoned discussions, rejecting two additional, enhanced offers tabled by the Company – both of which made provision for an incentive bonus, which UNTU had been requesting. In fact, in total, three offers have made provision for an incentive bonus.

Today, we received a new demand from UNTU, which now equates to an increase of 16.6% instead of 19.5%. Like UNTU, we remain available to meet at short notice with the CCMA's Commissioner/s and the UNTU to discuss the new demand.

The Company is however encouraged by the willingness of numerous non-unionised workers, some of whom no longer belong to the union, to return to work. As we have communicated, we have great empathy for our workers and their loss of income as the no-work, no-pay strike continues into its second week. With non-unionised workers returning to work, we will be in a position to further enhance the current reduced service we offer in line with our contingency plan.

The Company remains concerned by the detrimental effect that the strike is having not only on workers in terms of their loss of income, but also to our passengers, as well as the economy as a whole. We appreciate the fact that many of our customers use the Gautrain as their only mode of transport. We have therefore remained committed, willing and available to return to negotiations in order to find an amicable solution to the current wage deadlock.

We would also like to reiterate the calls made by the UNTU, as well as, by the Company for intimidation and attempted acts of sabotage to be stopped with immediate effect. In addition to working with the relevant authorities to apprehend those involved in criminal acts in an attempt to sabotage the service, the Company has reinforced safety and security measures to ensure that workers, passengers and the Gautrain assets are not compromised. Safety and security remains a key priority at this time. Any person(s) found to be involved in such criminal activity will be prosecuted.

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