



**Media statement issued by the Chairman of  
the LRA Board, Mr. Robert Likhang, on behalf  
of the LRA Board**

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**Place: Maseru, LRA Boardroom**

## **LRA Board lifts suspension from work of Mr. Thabo Khasipe, the LRA Commissioner General, with immediate effect.**

Master of ceremonies, allow me also to welcome our colleagues from the media and thank them for coming to provide coverage to this news conference intended to brief them on the latest developments within the LRA especially with regard to the Commissioner General.

I wish to remind the nation at large through you, colleagues from the media, that on the 6th February 2017, the then LRA Board took a resolution to suspend from work the Commissioner General, Mr. Thabo Khasipe, with immediate effect. What triggered the suspension was alleged at the time to be an impending investigation into his contravention of contractual obligations. As I have already indicated, the suspension was effected at the beginning of February and the Board's tenure of office came to an end in July 2017, while the new Board, which I chair and represent at this media briefing this morning, was only inaugurated in November 2017.

I also wish to remind the nation about the discontent demonstrated by the LRA staff following the Commissioner General's suspension which threatened the stability of this wonderful organization which for many years have been referred to as a model of excellence in terms of performance. As the new Board coming in, one of the things that the Honourable Minister of Finance, Dr. Moeketsi Majoro, directed us to do was to work towards resolving whatever internal problems that LRA seemed to have and, most importantly, the matter relating to the Commissioner General, which is the issue that we have called this news conference to address. I must highlight to you that as the Board we have been made aware that there is probably a pending case in court involving Mr. Khasipe. However, as I have alluded to you at the beginning of my statement, the

reason that led to his suspension was not the case that is pending in court but the investigation into the alleged contravention of his contractual obligations. I must state to you in that regard that as the new Board we not have any record that shows any significant progress or effort made on such investigations. Thus, to date, roughly ten months after the suspension, such investigations have not produced any outcome.

Following consideration of the suspension and noting that, from the Board's side as the employer of Mr. Khasipe, there is nothing concrete to pursue in relation to his contractual obligations, as a result, the new LRA Board in its Second Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 resolved to lift the suspension with immediate effect. The Board decision was communicated to the Honourable Minister of Finance and Mr. Khasipe. The LRA staff was on Monday briefed on these developments and Mr. Khasipe resumed his duties on the same day. The Board considered that any judicial processes facing Mr. Khasipe rest outside the jurisdiction of the Board.

I thank you