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PRESS STATEMENT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO THE EDITOR

SUBJECT: BLM IS CALLING UPON PUBLIC SERVICE SERVANTS WHO WERE DISCRIMINATED IN RESPECT OF PENSION PRACTICES TO SEEK REDRESS

Bushbuckridge Local Municipality is calling upon all retired and existing employees of the disestablished Department of Interior (Transitional Local Council) who were inherited by the now defunct Bohlabela District Municipality, who suffered discriminatory pension practices at the hands of the apartheid regime to come forward and fill in PDP1 Applications form. PDP1 Application Forms are obtainable at any municipal regional office. To qualify for redress, eligible employees who suffered any discrimination should have been in service on 02 September 1998, the date on which the first resolution was adopted.

The pension redress campaign forms part of the second and final process of the Public Service Co-ordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) Programme launched on the 24th May 2010 by the former Minister of Public Service and Administration, honourable Richard Baloyi. The redress programme was adopted by way of two resolutions, on pension restructuring in the public service namely: 7 of 1998 and 12 of 2002 respectively which paved the way for recognition of service as pensionable that had been deemed non-pensionable under the apartheid regime.

The recognition of service as pensionable will take the form of compensation for those who are no longer in service and the recalculation of pension entitlements for those still in service. **The closing date for submission of application is the 31 March 2012.**

Kind regards

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