



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **NSFAS WELCOMES THE JUDGEMENT BY THE LABOUR COURT ON THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER NSFAS CEO, MR ANDILE NONGOGO**

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The Board of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) welcomes the Labour Court's decision to declare the termination of the contract of employment of the former NSFAS CEO, Mr Andile Nongogo as lawful and valid.

The Court decision was delivered by Judge MB Mahalelo of the Labour Court, yesterday, the 8th of January 2024.

The NSFAS Board further welcomes the decision by the Court to dismiss with costs the application by Mr Nongogo to strike out certain paragraphs as contained in the Werksman Attorney's report, which implicates him of irregular conduct in relation to the appointment of direct payment service providers.

The decision by the Court vindicates the NSFAS Board in terminating Mr Nongogo's contract of employment following his irregular involvement in the appointment of the direct payment service providers.

The NSFAS Board views the Werksmans Attorneys report as a necessary and important measure to propel NSFAS to a much more elevated level of consciousness to fight corruption and the capture of NSFAS by some unscrupulous people masquerading as business people.

Furthermore, this report also serves as a measure for NSFAS to further strengthen its own internal supply chain management systems and controls.

Following this groundbreaking judgement, NSFAS will vigorously continue with its legal process towards the termination of contracts of direct payment service providers.

The termination of the direct payment service providers will be handled with due care not to disrupt the disbursement of the allowances to students in the 2024 academic year.

NSFAS will now focus all its efforts towards its immediate task of preparation for the seamless beginning of the 2024 academic year.

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