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**TCTA EMPLOYEES EMBARK ON AN UNPROTECTED STRIKE**

The Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) announced today that some employees affiliated to the SASAWU union embarked on an unprotected strike this morning.

The Management of TCTA views the matter in a serious light, as an agreement was reached with the union on the afternoon of 08 May 2017, to effect annual salary increases as follows:

An annual increase ranging from 6.3% (CPI) to 7.5%, on a cascading scale. The disagreement between the union and Management emanates from a new demand brought by the union, to lift the suspension of three employees who have been suspended for misconduct.

“We want to reassure the public that this unprotected strike will not have any impact on the delivery of water services, as TCTA is not involved in the direct day-to-day delivery of these services”, said Leonard Radzuma, Acting Chief Executive Officer.

It has come to the attention of TCTA Management that the strike representatives have created a twitter-handle in which they have made certain untested allegations against the organization.

“TCTA has stringent governance processes which also include a process to encourage input from whistleblowers. If employees making allegations have evidence of wrong-doing they must allow said allegations to be properly tested, so that those implicated can be brought to book. It should also be noted that, in addition to this, there are available avenues within the criminal justice system, if matters are of a criminal or serious nature”, said Radzuma. Employees are encouraged to make use of these avenues and to refrain from irresponsible actions aimed at tarnishing the good name and track-record of TCTA.

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