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MEDIA STATEMENT

REAPPOINTMENT OF NAHEEM ESSOP AS DEPUTY PENSION FUNDS ADJUDICATOR

The Minister of Finance, Mr Enoch Godongwana, has reappointed Mr Naheem Essop as the Deputy Pension Funds Adjudicator (DPFA).

The reappointment is for a period of three (3) years and is effective from 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029.

Mr Essop was first appointed by the Minister of Finance as a Deputy Pension Funds Adjudicator in terms of section 30C of the Pension Funds Act, 24 of 1956. His initial appointment commenced on 1 August 2023.

The Minister said the extension of Mr Essop's appointment provides continuity at a time when the retirement funds environment continues to experience legal, operational and regulatory change, including the implementation of the two-pot retirement system, persistent complaints relating to the non-payment of retirement fund contributions by employers, and the anticipated evolution of the Office of the Pension Funds Adjudicator.

Essop is an admitted attorney and holds an LLB degree. Before joining the OPFA, he practised as an attorney and later served in the Pension Funds Department of the Financial Services Board, which became the Financial Sector Conduct Authority. He joined the OPFA as Senior Legal Advisor before his appointment as Deputy Pension Funds Adjudicator.

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