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Tshwane Metro Powerless

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) has learnt from a reliable source, that the Tshwane Metro is not honouring their commitments with pre-paid electricity vendors,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, Leader of the CDP.

“It would appear that monies owed since September '10 is being held up by the ‘Acting’ Municipal Manager who has been dragging his feet on this issue despite the vendors’ decision to cease distribution. This had to be done for purely economic reasons. Investors in these vending companies are not receiving a return on their investments and have stated that funds can be better utilized to retain cash flow for operations and to meet commitments rather than finance one of Tshwane Metro’s main revenue streams.”

“Anyone who chooses to ‘kill’ the goose that lays the golden egg, surely lacks common sense. It is an indictment against the metro,” Botha said, “that over the past couple of years, payments have been erratic at best and mostly late. Payment that has now been withheld has reached levels that Tshwane will find difficult to afford.”

“Surely a government that fails to meet its obligations is close to becoming a failed state. The CDP calls on the Executive Mayor of Tshwane Metro to sort out this mess as a matter of urgency and put out a public statement as to why this situation was allowed to get to this stage in the first place.

Tshwane Metro kragteloos

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het by ‘n betroubare bron verneem dat die Tshwane Metro nie sy verpligtinge teenoor die voorafbetaalde eltrisiteitsverkopers nakom nie,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Dit kom voor asof gelde wat van September 2010 geskuld word, deur die ‘waarnemende’ munisipale bestuurder teruggehou word, deur voete oor die saak te sleep, ten spyte van die verkopers se besluit om die verspreiding te staak. Dit moes om suiwer finansiële redes gedoen word. Beleggers in die verspreidingsondernemings kry geen dividende op hul beleggings nie en het verklaar dat die beskikbare fondse beter aangewend kan word om hul kontantvloei gesond te hou, en ander verpligtinge te kan nakom, eerder as om een van die Tshwane-metro se grootste inkomstebronne te finansier.”

“Enigeen wat die gans wat die goue eiers lê slag, dink nie logies nie. Dit is ‘n aanklag teen die Metro,” sê Botha. “dat betalings die afgelope klompie jare ongeregeld en dikwels laat ontvang is. Die agterstallige betalings het nou so ‘n omvang aangeneem dat Tshwane-metro dit beswaarlik sal kan bekostig.”

“As ‘n staat nie sy verpligtinge kan nakom nie, is dit so te sê ‘n mislukte staat. Die CDP doen ‘n beroep op die burgemeester om die gemors op te ruim en ‘n openbare verduideliking te verskaf oor hoekom die saak toegelaat is om te kon ontwikkel.”