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**28 November 2024
MEDIA STATEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

PIO-TRANS BUSINESS RESCUE PRACTITIONER OBTAINS INTERDICT AGAINST TAXI ASSOCIATION

On Monday, 28 October 2024, the 45 feeder buses started operating in Soweto. On Thursday, 31 October 2024, the taxi association interrupted the operation due to the wrong registration number plates on the buses. The buses were supposed to have GP number plates.

Under the leadership of MMC for Transport, Cllr. Kenny Kunene, along with the court-appointed Business Rescue Practitioner (BRP), Mr. Mahier Tayob, and Transport Department executives, several meetings were held with the Taxi Associations (TA) that operates in Sowetho on the 5th, 12th, and 25th of November 2024, demonstrating our commitment to resolve this issue.

The meeting on the 25 collapsed as TA members requested that the matter be escalated to the City of Johannesburg's Executive Mayor (EM).

The BRP subsequently approached the court to obtain an interdict to operate without obstruction after seeing that the MMC for Transport, Cllr. Kenny Kunene's mediation process had collapsed.

The court granted the interdict on 28 November 2024, and the sheriff of the court served the interdict and took necessary steps to mobilize law enforcement. The court order, which is attached for your reference, outlines the conditions under which the buses can operate and the responsibilities of all parties involved.

Therefore, we urge the media to play a crucial and integral role in alerting the Soweto commuters that the phase 1 A Rea Vaya feeder buses will resume operations as of tomorrow morning, Friday, 29 November, 2024.

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG**

CASE NUMBER: 134361/2024

**BEFORE THE HONOURABLE ACTING JUDGE ALLEN ON THIS 28TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2024**

In the matter between:

PIOTRANS (PTY) LTD (IN BUSINESS RESCUE)

First Applicant

MAHOMED MAHIER TAYOB N.O

Second Applicant

and

JOHANNESBURG SOUTHERN SUBURBS TAXI ASSOCIATION

First Respondent

DUBE TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

Second Respondent

SOWETO TAXI SERVICES

Third Respondent

MEDUNORA TAXI ASSOCIATION

Fourth Respondent

NATIONAL TAXI ALLIANCE

Fifth Respondent

DOBSONVILLE ROODEPOORT

LERATONG JOHANNESBURG

Sixth Respondent



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TAXI ASSOCIATION

BARA CITY TAXI OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Seventh Respondent

UNITED TAXI FRONT ASSOCIATION

Eighth Respondent

TOP SIX MANAGEMENT

Ninth Respondent

CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

METROPLITAN MUNICIPALITY

Tenth Respondent

This order is made an Order of Court by the Judge whose name is reflected herein, duly stamped by the Registrar of the Court and is submitted electronically to the Parties/their legal representatives by email. The date of this Order is deemed to be 28 November 2024



COURT ORDER

Having read the documents filed of record, heard counsel and having considered the matter:

THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS MADE:

1. The forms, notice, service and time requirements as prescribed in terms of the Uniform Rules of Court are dispensed with and it is directed that the matter is urgently heard as

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provided for in Rule 6(12) of the Uniform Rules of Court.

2. A rule *nisi* is issued, calling upon the first, third, sixth, eighth, ninth and tenth respondents to show cause, if any, on the 3rd of February 2024, why a final order in the following terms should not be granted:

2.1. That the first, third, sixth, eighth, ninth and tenth respondents, their members, and any persons acting through or under them, from: are interdicted and restrained from:

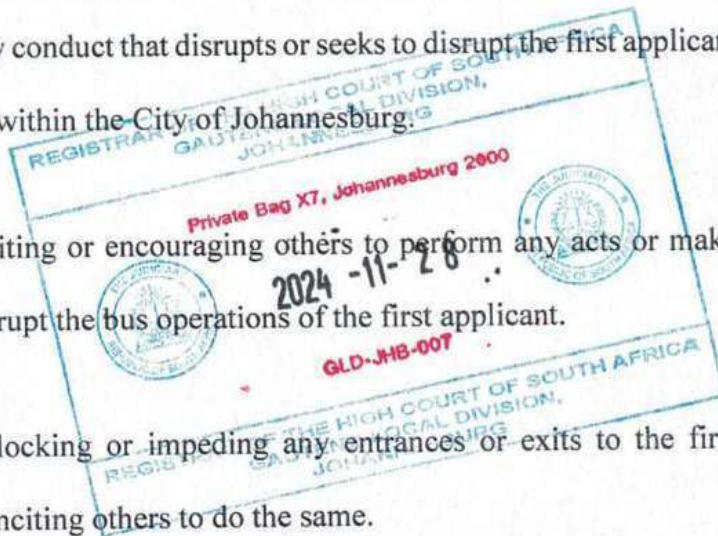
2.1.1. Engaging in any conduct that disrupts or seeks to disrupt the first applicant's Rea Vaya bus operations within the City of Johannesburg;

2.1.2. Instigating, inciting or encouraging others to perform any acts or make any threats designed to disrupt the bus operations of the first applicant.

2.1.3. Obstructing, blocking or impeding any entrances or exits to the first applicant's properties, or inciting others to do the same.

2.1.4. Taking any action, or encouraging others to take any action, intended to prevent or interfere with the services of the first applicant's buses, bus drivers, staff or passengers.

2.1.5. Intimidating, threatening or harassing the first applicant's bus drivers, employees and passengers.



2.1.6. Interfering with, obstructing or impeding access to, egress from, and the free movement of buses from the applicants' depots and along designated routes.

3. The Sheriff of the above Honourable Court is authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to enforce the orders in paragraphs 2.1 above, including the utilization of the services of the South African Police Service and/or any registered private security firm.
4. That the relief sought in paragraphs 2.1 and 3 above shall operate as an interim interdict with immediate effect, pending the final determination of this matter on the return date.
5. That this application and order be served upon the eighth respondent at Kliptown Taxi Rank, First floor, Unit 23.



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