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**PRASA GROUP CEO RESPONDS TO FALSE ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION LEVELLED BY NEWLY-ELECTED  
SATAWU PRESIDENT**

The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa's (PRASA) Group CEO Lucky Montana has noted the malicious allegations of corruption issued in the name of SATAWU against PRASA.

"These allegations are rejected with the contempt they deserve, and we regard them as defamatory. It cannot be that every time there are differences of whatever kind, in this case labour disputes within an institution, then some people make defamatory statements against those they differ with" added Montana.

Everyone is well aware that South Africa has set up strong institutions to fight corruption, those with claims of wrong doing should take their allegations to such institutions. PRASA is satisfied that these allegations are not the view of SATAWU but are solely driven by Mr. Mphahele. PRASA continues to work with SATAWU and other Unions in collaboration, on many fronts and projects aimed at the modernisation of the passenger rail system in South Africa. These malicious allegations are manufactured by the newly elected SATAWU President Mr. Ephraim Mphahele who has harboured a sinister agenda against PRASA on its forward march to modernise our passenger rail system, especially now that the programme to acquire a New and Modern Rolling Stock Fleet has gathered momentum and is full swing.

Montana noted with alarm the determination to pursue this sinister agenda with vigour regardless of the damage and the reputation of its leaders, "The allegations made against me by Mr. Mphahlele are two years old. These are the same allegations he made while he was still the Gauteng Provincial Chairperson and even then, he has failed to produce the necessary evidence to back these allegations. We call upon

Mr. Mphahlele to approach the law enforcement agencies of our Republic within five days to lay formal charges, failing which PRASA will take legal action in retaliation. In addition, we challenge Mr. Mphahlele to a public debate around these so called corruption allegations” said Montana.

Qualifying PRASA’s above-board processes Montana said “PRASA has received unqualified audits for 6 consecutive years, we have strong internal systems overseen by Management and the Board of Control, which we continue to strengthen all the time. These allegations are false, frivolous and vexatious and it seems Mr. Mphahlele is using his new tenure as the President of SATAWU to renew his baseless allegations”.

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