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**Department of Cooperative Governance,  
Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs  
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**KIMBERLEY SHUTDOWN CALLED OFF PENDING FURTHER ENGAGEMENTS.**

The planned shutdown of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024, has been called off pending further engagements.

This follows a successful stakeholder engagement led by the MEC of COGHSTA, Mr Bentley Vass, and MEC of Education, Mr Abraham Vosloo, today 25 October, attended by Sol Plaatje Local Municipality represented by the Executive Mayor Kagisho Sonyoni, Speaker Nomazizi Shwababa and Chief Whip Martin White, SAPS led by Provincial Commissioner, Lt. General Koliswa Otola, Kimberley Action Group (KAG) SANTACO, and its affiliates.

The KAG will on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at Galeshewe Circle, 15:00, provide feedback to the residents of Sol Plaatje Municipality on the engagements to date with Provincial Government and the Sol Plaatje Local Municipality.

The KAG acknowledges the importance of education and the impact that the shutdown might have had on matric examinations and the hosting of the Miss Teen Universe Pageant in Kimberley.

Further the KAG appreciates the series of engagements which have yielded some positive outcomes and laid the path for further engagements. Also, the SANTACO and its affiliates will pursue their concerns with provincial government and the local municipality.

The provincial government takes this opportunity to wish all matriculants that will be writing examinations from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 well and appreciate that the shutdown has been called off for further engagements.

A JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT BY KIMBERLEY ACTION GROUP, SANTACO, SOL  
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