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GEPF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEMBER ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of an election process, in terms of the rules of the Government Employees Pension Fund, for a member trustee and substitute trustee to serve on the Board of Trustees of the GEPF for a four (4) year period. The period will begin on the date of the first meeting of the new Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has appointed the Elections Agency to independently manage the election process

THE ELECTION PROCESS CONSISTS OF THREE PHASES:

- The Nomination Phase;
- The Voting Phase; and
- The Counting Phase.

PHASE 1

THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES:

1. Each member of the GEPF who is a member as defined in the Government Employees Pension Law and Rules of 1996 (GEP Law and Rules) and is not disqualified in terms of Section 4.1.7 of the Rules from becoming a trustee shall be eligible for nomination.
2. A member wishing to stand as a candidate (nominee) must be nominated by another member (nominator) who is a member of the GEPF as well as be seconded by ten (10) other seconders. Both the nominee, nominator and the ten seconders must be members employed by the South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency as contemplated in Rule 4.1.3. (b) of the GEP Law and Rules. The **nominee** must accept his/her nomination

by completing the relevant section of the nomination form.

3. The nominee must accept his/her nomination by completing the relevant section of the nomination form.
4. All nominations received will be verified against the Voters' Roll to ensure that all nominees are active members employed by the Armed Forces as defined in the GEP Law and Rules
5. Candidates must meet all nomination requirements as set out in the Nomination Criteria section of this Notice.
6. Nominations must be submitted using the official Nomination Form. The form must be completed as follows:
 - **SECTION 1** of the Nomination Form is for the nominator (the active member making the nomination) to complete. The nominator's full names, Persol number, ID number and contact details are required.
 - **SECTION 2** of the Nomination Form is for the nominee (prospective candidate) to complete. All the details required must be completed (name, Persol number and ID number). The nominee must sign the declaration confirming their acceptance of the nomination and that they are not disqualified to become a trustee in line with Rule 4.1.7 (d) to (h).
 - **SECTION 3** of the Nomination Form is to be completed by the ten (10) seconders who must be active members employed by the South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency as defined by the GEPF Law and Rules of 1996. Seconders must complete the form by writing their names, Persol Number, ID Number and append their signatures.
7. In addition to the Nomination Form, the nominee must complete the CV Form attached to the nomination form.
8. A recent ID size photograph must accompany your CV.
9. Nomination and CV Forms can also be obtained from the GEPF website at www.gepf.co.za.

Should you wish to nominate a candidate, you may request a nomination form from **The Elections Agency** via the following modes:

FAX: 086 428 1356

EMAIL: elections@gepf.co.za

CALL: 0800 55 66 73

WEBSITE: www.gepf.co.za

10. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MEMBERS MAY HAVE TO FAX AND/OR EMAIL A FORM TO FELLOW MEMBERS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES TO OBTAIN THEIR SUPPORT SHOULD THEY BE BASED IN A DIFFERENT CITY OR PROVINCE.

11. Completed nomination and CV Forms must be submitted to: **The Returning Officer** through the following means:

- **BY POSTAL MAIL** using the prepaid Business Reply Envelope that will be sent to you on requesting the nomination form;
- **BY FAX:** 086 428 1356;
- **EMAIL TO:** elections@gepf.co.za; or
- **HAND DELIVERY TO:** The Returning Officer, The Elexions Agency, 3rd Floor, East Wing, 158 Jan Smuts Avenue, Rosebank, 2196 by no later than 12h00 on 15 December, 2017.

12. Please note that the following Nomination Forms **will be invalid and will not be considered:**

- Forms that are returned after 12h00 on 15 December 2017; and/or
- Forms sent to any other address than the address particulars provided above; and/or
- Forms not completed correctly or in full.

THE ELEXIONS AGENCY WILL NOT CONTACT ANYONE IN RESPECT OF INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECTLY COMPLETED FORMS.

13. Upon nomination closure, the Returning Officer shall scrutinise all nominations received in order to determine their eligibility against the GEP Law and Rules and inform all nominees of the outcome of the nomination process.

14. The successful candidates, having passed the Nomination Audit, will be subjected to a verification process. Each candidate will have to sign a Consent Form giving The Elexions Agency permission to verify the following:

- Citizenship;
- Qualifications;
- Criminal Checks;
- Credit Checks; and
- Sequestration.

15. After the vetting process is concluded, the final list of candidates shall be published on the GEPF website for information purposes and objection by members.

16. Only written objections to any candidates shall be considered.

17. The Returning Officer will advise all candidates in writing of the outcome of the nomination process. Where a nomination has been disqualified, the Returning Officer will disclose the reasons thereof.

18. It needs to be noted that nominating persons for election and voting for persons are two separate processes. The nomination happens first, the voting after.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO STAND AS A CANDIDATE IN THE GEPF TRUSTEE ELECTION?

- a person under the age of 18 years;
- any person who is the subject of any order under the Companies Act No.71 of 2008 or the repealed Act disqualifying him/her from being a director;
- an unrehabilitated insolvent;
- any person removed from an office of trust on account of misconduct;
- any person who has at any time been convicted of theft, fraud, forgery or uttering a forged document, perjury, an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1958;

WHEN IS A PERSON FIT AND PROPER TO BE A TRUSTEE?

The Board of Trustees has an important responsibility of managing the Fund and shall exercise the powers, perform the functions and carry out the duties conferred upon, assigned to or imposed upon it in terms of the GEP Law. It becomes important therefore that members strive to elect trustees who are honest, accountable, responsible, appropriately skilled and experienced to discharge the duties of a Trustee as they represent your interests on the Board.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VOTING AND COUNTING PHASES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE ON: WWW.GEPF.CO.ZA

