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Dear Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis, Councillors Quintas and Manuel, Mr. Mbandazayo, Ms. Campbell and Mr. Slingers

DEVELOPMENTS ON SERVICE LEVEL PLAN, DEVOLUTION REPORT

Our letter to you dated 23 January 2023 refers. We reminded you of your commitment, expressed in a letter dated 12 December 2022, to “commence engaging with PRASA with the view to developing a SLP [Service Level Plan] for [the] rail service on a corridor basis” in terms of the National Land Transport Act (NLTA, Act No. 5 of 2009). We enquired whether such engagement had commenced and what the status of any such engagement was.

We have not received a reply to our letter. We are finalising legal papers, to be launched in the next few weeks, on matters regarding SLPs, devolution, and the governance of PRASA. To this end, we again ask: what is the status of your engagement with PRASA on the SLP? Has your engagement been met with resistance? Have they replied to your engagement or have they ignored it?

Further, the City has received an intermediate report for its devolution feasibility study. We request access to this report, as it informs our litigation, mentioned above. The City will be a respondent in the litigation, although we will not be seeking relief against the City aside from the completion of the SLP with PRASA. The intermediate report will no doubt be included in answering papers submitted by the City. However, we would like access to the report beforehand to include in our papers. This will go a long way in showing the City to be a responsive, reasonable party in this matter.

The City and PRASA have a duty, in terms of section 11(1)(c)(xix), to complete a SLP in consultation with one another. It is an essential part of public transport planning and enforcement that has been abandoned. We require your answer reply by no later than Friday 14 April 2023.

Sincerely,



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