REDRESS FOR VICTIMS OF PENSION FUNDS DISCRIMINATION BY GOVERNMENT UNDER APARTHEID (PUBLIC SERVICE ACT PERSONNEL ONLY) (2)

As it was reported in the previous bulletin dated 13 April 2010, the DOD has commenced with the preparation and training of HR practitioners up to unit level to be able to assist possible eligible candidates in filling out their application. Training were conducted in Pretoria, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Langebaanweg, Durban, Bloemfontein, Potchefstroom, Kimberley, Nelspruit and Polokwane regions over the period 12 to 16 April 2010.

Training sessions were attended very well and the DOD is currently equipped to proceed with the project, once it is officially launched by the DPSA and application forms have been released by the GEPF. Once the application forms have been released, it will be distributed to the centres mentioned above where units can sign for it. It is once again reiterated that only Public Service Act Personnel are eligible to apply.

It is expected that once the project has been officially announced through the printed and electronic media, a huge influx of possible candidates can be expected to approach units to assist them in the application process. Seeing that this is a government project, units can also expect to be approached by employees from other state departments and in terms of the Batho Pele principles, such members should be assisted. In order to streamline the process it is suggested that all units ensure the following:

- That the necessary arrangements are in place to allow members access to units in terms of security procedures.
- That the relevant nodal point and person/s for assistance are known to security personnel. It is suggested that this be displayed prominently throughout the units.

Communication with regards to the project should be conducted through the normal chain of command but in cases of emergency, one of the following members of the departmental task team may be contacted:

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