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To the Office of the Accountant - General

FAILURE BY TSOLWANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (EC132) TO SUBMIT ITS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE REQUIRED DUE DATE (31 AUGUST 2016) TO THE AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR AUDITING

The purpose of this letter is to provide a written explanation why the Tsolwana Local Municipality failed to submit its Annual Financial statement for auditing to the Auditor-General in terms of section 126 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA) and not simultaneously submit to National Treasury as well as the Provincial Treasury on/before Wednesday, 31 August 2016.

It is against this background that Tsolwana Local Municipality provides the following causes of late submission of annual financial statements;

1. The major challenge that we faced at municipality in the preparation of 2015/16 AFS is staff morale leading staff not doing their work this lead to information on the financial system not being up to date and requested information to prepare AFS not provided to the service provided appointed to assist in the preparation of the annual financial statements.

The root causes of the point one above being;

- The unknown effects of the amalgamation
- Internal staff issues, staff wanting their titles changed so that the go to new entity at higher salaries.
- 2. Starting on the 18th July 2016 the staff of Tsolwana Local municipality embarked on industrial action that is still going on at the time (26 August 2016) of writing this memorandum.

We anticipate that the annual financial statements will be submitted by 30 September 2016.

For any clarification please contact the Accounting officer

Yours Sincerely

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Municipal Manager (Accounting Officer)

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