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NOTICE TO THE EC FILM INDUSTRY

Warm greetings to the Sector

In understanding the pressures experienced by artists at these unprecedented times, we have been doing everything in our powers to expedite the finalisation of the transfer of the 2nd tranches for the beneficiaries of Film Stimulus Fund.

Please note the progress made to date:

Out of 23 beneficiaries that were approved for funding by the Council a total of 22 projects have received payments of their first tranches, except for only one that has not complied with the requirements.

1. DELAYS REGARDING THE TRANSFER:

Apart from the impact of COVID-19 and the protracted outcome of the rollover application. We have categorised projects in the below fashion:

- **Fully Compliant:** These are projects that have met the compliance requirements. To date a total of **(7)** Seven projects have fully complied and have received their second tranche payment. They are proceeding very well, and reports are expected.
- **Partial compliant:** These are projects that have not met all the compliance requirements. A total of **(9)** Nine projects are under final administration. They are still submitting their compliance documents.
- **Non-compliant:** These are projects that have not complied. A total of **(7)** seven projects have problems that appear to be complex, and we have been working around the clock to support in this process as they require an audit and legal opinion. We are anticipating getting those reports before the end of next week.

2. OVERALL CHALLENGES

- **Beneficiaries Weakness:** Challenges that have been experienced range from administrative non-compliance, non-adherence to contractual obligations, financial and management accounting weakness, record keeping, reporting, discrepancies between reports and portfolio of evidence submitted.
- **Internal Weakness:** ECPACC, does admit that there are internal weaknesses within its systems. Which may be attributed to the fact that it is a first, that it has administered a project of this magnitude. Encompassed, by structural human resources and capacity constraints.

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3. INTERVENTIONS DONE TO DATE:

ECPACC's efforts in accelerating progress and ensuring that our process are in line with the PMFA we have undergone the following:

- Concentrated one on one-engagements have been ongoing with the beneficiaries.
- Respective projects are making submissions of documentation.
- We have held a Financial Management Workshop in March, however noting that it was not well attended due to connectivity issues. We are planning to host another compliance and financial reporting workshop which is scheduled for June.
- We have also started the process of allocation mentors, utilising well experienced Directors and Producers who are born in the Eastern Cape Province and elsewhere in the country.
- To date we have allocated three projects to Luzuko Nodada who is going to assist in terms of managing the technical as well as the production. Simultaneously, we are also currently in negotiations with prominent filmmakers to assist in progressing some of the struggling projects.

ECPACC, appeals for your continued corporation in growing the infant Eastern Cape Film Industry.

Kind regards

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