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Media Alert

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY MARCH TO THE PRETORIA MAXIMUM PRISON COURT

On Friday, 18 July 2014 Department of Energy (DoE) staff will march to the Pretoria Central Maximum Prison Court on Kgosi Mampuru Drive in solidarity with the family of Ms Mamokoti Ester Malapane, a female staff member who it is alleged was brutally murdered by her boyfriend on 20 June 2014. The protest march against the abuse of women by the management, officials and labour organisations of the DoE will start from the DoE offices on the corner of Paul Kruger and Visagie. The route to be used by the marchers is Visagie Street, then left into Schubart Street and, joining Kgosi Mampuru Street where they will picket outside the Court at the Kgosi Mampuru Maximum Prison for the duration of the proceedings.

The details of these events are as follows:

Date : 18 July 2014

Venue : The 'protest march' resume at 08h30 on the L8th July 2014

Time : 08h30

Members of the media are invited to join and cover the event

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Background information

The Department of Energy recently lost a long time valued staff member - Ms Mamokoti Ester Malapane who was tragically stabbed to death on 20th June 2014 – allegedly by her boyfriend.

In line with our principles of Ubuntu, the staff members (Colleagues) have decided to follow up this case and ensure that justice is served on behalf of Mamokoti Malapane and the her family.

On the 01st July 2014, DoE staff members attended the first court hearing where the case was postponed to the 11th July 2014 because, the suspect was changing legal representatives, and the appointed lawyers could not proceed without first familiarising themselves with the details of the case.

On the 11th July 2014, the matter was postponed for a formal bail hearing to be heard on the 18th July 2014, and the DoE staff have decided to continue supporting the family during these trying times.

The alleged suspect is formally applying for bail, and the late Ms Malapane's colleagues believe that the suspect must be denied the bail in order to answer to the charges and the matter be brought to finality.

It is in the light of the above background that the DoE staff members are marching to the court on 18 July 2014.