

# **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Damlaagte Clarifies Bursary Administration Process**

### Date:

Damlaagte PV Facility wishes to clarify recent erroneous statements made by the executive Mayor of Ngwathe local Municipality wherein it was said that Damlaagte Solar Farm is in partnership with the municipality and will be offering bursaries, internships and other financial assistance to students within the Ngwathe community through that partnership.

Whilst the Municipality is a valued stakeholder, we wish to make clear that we act independently and are not affiliated to the Municipality, its employees or political affiliates. We want to emphasise that all project-related initiatives, including bursary programmes, internships and the like, are received and processed by the Damlaagte economic development team.

## **Key Points:**

- The Municipality does not act for or on behalf of Damlaagte PV Facility, it is therefore in no way in a position to offer aid on our behalf.
- No submissions are to be made to the municipal office as directed in a video which is in circulation.
- All bursary and financial assistance programmes are centrally managed by Damlaagte's ED team.
- All application opportunities will be advertised, received and processed in accordance with company policies, due process, and procedures and protocols, to ensure transparency and fairness.

We respectfully request all prospective bursary applicants to await official announcements from the Damlaagte ED project office regarding the application processes and timelines.

As discussed during our initial community engagement meeting in 2023, we are committed to advertising bursary opportunities through our established channels when they become available.

This approach ensures that all community members have equal access to information and opportunities, maintaining the integrity of our commitment to, and partnership with, the community.

Damlaagte's official communication channels for official updates and announcements regarding bursary opportunities, please monitor Parys Gazette, the What's App Boradcast list with the community and via email to all the Community Stakeholder Forum Members.

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