

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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**TO ALL MEDIA HOUSES**

### **MINISTER NDABENI URGES THE PUBLIC TO VERIFY SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS**

The Minister for Small Business Development, Ms. Stella Tembisa Ndabeni, has distanced herself from a fake X (formerly Twitter) post screengrab that falsely appears to be from her account. The post contains derogatory remarks about her colleagues in the Cabinet.

While the account shown in the screenshot is indeed the Minister's real account, the information displayed is false and misleading. This is a case of manipulated misinformation, where the original text has been altered using editing software and replaced with false content to mislead the public.

The Minister has also noted the existence of several fake social media accounts impersonating her. She urges the public to be cautious, verify sources of information, and report fraudulent accounts. Minister Ndabeni calls on the public to always fact-check and authenticate information before sharing it on social media platforms.

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