

Minister Gordhan accepts Lamberti resignation

Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan has accepted the resignation of Eskom board member Mark Lamberti.



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Lamberti resigned as a Director from the Eskom board on Friday evening, 6 April 2018.

“His resignation was duly accepted,” said the Minister in a statement on Saturday.

Lamberti cited the High Court judgment of 23 March 2018 in the matter of J Chowan v Associated Motor Holdings (Pty) Ltd and Others, as the reason for his resignation.

In representations to the Eskom board, Lamberti maintained that “while mistakes were made and there are important lessons to be learnt, there were no findings in the judgment of race or gender discrimination against AMH (Associated Motor Holdings), Imperial or myself”.

“Despite this, there has been a mainstream and social media frenzy of generally inaccurate commentary. This is being fuelled by a political agenda and legally incorrect interpretations of the judgment, which have culminated, inter alia, in the most vitriolic defamation of my person. The most telling aspect of this is the call for the Minister and indeed the President to

remove me from the Eskom board,” said Lamberti in his resignation letter.

Media reported that Adila Chowan accused AMH, and Lamberti, of discrimination after leaving their employ 2015.

On Saturday, Minister Gordhan said Lamberti must be commended for taking the difficult decision to put the interests of Eskom, the board and the country above all else.

“Mr Lamberti has stated that he cannot, in good conscience, accept any compensation from Eskom and will return the fees paid to him as most of the Eskom board’s work to date has been preparatory,” said the Minister.

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