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### **Quarterly Employment Statistics (QES) – Q3:2022**

Total employment increased by 10 000 or 0,1% quarter-on-quarter, from 9 974 000 in June 2022 to 9 984 000 in September 2022. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: business services (31 000 or 1,3%), trade (10 000 or 0,5%), construction (8 000 or 1,5%), mining (5 000 or 1,0%), transport (4 000 or 1,0%) and manufacturing (1 000 or 0,1%). The electricity industry reported no quarterly change. However, the community services industry reported a quarterly decrease of 49 000 employees or -1,7%.

Total employment increased by 31 000 or 0,3% year-on-year between September 2021 and September 2022.

Full-time employment increased by 36 000 or 0,4% quarter-on-quarter, from 8 837 000 in June 2022 to 8 873 000 in September 2022. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: business services (15 000 or 0,7%), trade (12 000 or 0,6%), mining (5 000 or 1,0%), transport (2 000 or 0,5%), community services (2 000 or 0,1%), and construction (1 000 or 0,2%). The electricity industry reported no quarterly change. However, the manufacturing industry reported a quarterly decrease of 1 000 employees or -0,1%.

Full-time employment decreased by 16 000 or -0,2% year-on-year between September 2021 and September 2022.

Part-time employment decreased by 26 000 or -2,3% quarter-on-quarter, from 1 137 000 in June 2022 to 1 111 000 in September 2022. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services (-51 000 or -9,5%) and trade (-2 000 or -0,9%). The electricity industry reported no quarterly change. However, there were increases in the following industries: business services (16 000 or 7,2%), construction (7 000 or 10,9%), transport (2 000 or 12,5%) and manufacturing (2 000 or 2,6%).

Part-time employment increased by 47 000 or 4,4% year-on-year between September 2021 and September 2022.

Gross earnings paid to employees increased by R11,1 billion or 1,4% from R789,4 billion in June 2022 to R800,5 billion in September 2022. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: business services, mining, trade, manufacturing and electricity. However, there were decreases in the following industries: transport, construction and community services.

The year-on-year gross earnings increased by R17,5 billion or 2,2% between September 2021 and September 2022.

Basic salary/wages paid to employees increased by R12,0 billion or 1,7% from R719,2 billion in June 2022 to R731,2 billion in September 2022. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: mining, trade, business services, community service, manufacturing, transport and electricity. However, the construction industry reported a quarterly decrease.

The year-on-year basic salary/wages increased by R17,8 billion or 2,5% between September 2021 and September 2022.

Bonus paid to employees decreased by R0,6 billion or -1,3% from R47,2 billion in June 2022 to R46,6 billion in September 2022. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: transport, community services, trade, manufacturing, construction and electricity. However, the business services industry reported a quarterly increase.

The year-on-year bonus payments decreased by R2,3 billion or -4,7% between September 2021 and September 2022.

Overtime paid to employees decreased by R0,3 billion or -1,3% from R23,0 billion in June 2022 to R22,7 billion in September 2022. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services, trade, construction, electricity and transport. However, there were increases in the following industries: business services and manufacturing.

The year-on-year overtime payments increased by R2,0 billion or 9,6% between September 2021 and September 2022.

Average monthly earnings showed a quarter-on-quarter increase of 0,6%, from R24 668 in May 2022 to R24 813 in August 2022. Year-on-year, average monthly earnings increased by 3,8%.

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