



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **IMAGES OF TWO PEOPLE HUGGING ON FLOOR OF THE RESERVE BANK BUILDING CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Bank wishes to express its displeasure at the images circulating on social media of a man and woman hugging each other on the smoking zone mezzanine floor of the Bank Building. The Bank's high definition CCTV footage shows that the incident took place between 1708hrs and 1735hrs on 21 June 2021 and that the two people left the Bank Building at different times after 1900hrs.

The images are of employees of one of the Bank's service providers. The Bank has since advised the service provider of this development and its great disappointment with the behaviour of the duo. The Bank has emphasised to the service provider the need for its staff to always observe Bank regulations and Covid-19 protocols.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P Mangudya".

**John P Mangudya**  
**Governor**

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