

**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS**

**Media Statement**

**For Immediate Release**

**Statement on Fake News on Twitter regarding Joel Netshitenzhe**

Joel Netshitenzhe, Executive Director at the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA), condemns the fake news on the Twitter account @InsightFactor\_ which refer to comments purportedly made by him.

Joel Netshitenzhe would like to state categorically that no such statements were made on any platform or social media postings. The social media postings are not only fake but contain unfortunate ethnic insinuations. As such, the retraction and deletion of the divisive and defamatory tweet is demanded, with immediate effect. This also applies to others who may be tempted to spread such fake news.

While Joel Netshitenzhe supports the free speech afforded by social media platforms he condemns the spreading of fake and defamatory statements.

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