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**RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS OF MALFEASANCE BY SAMUEL NARTEY GEORGE (MP)
AT THE AKOM AXLE LOAD STATION ON TV3**

1. The attention of the Ghana Highway Authority (GHA) has been drawn to a video clip from the TV3 Current Affairs programme, *The Key Points*, which went viral on social media on Saturday, 14th December 2024.
2. The GHA wishes to state that the facts as presented to the Honourable Member of Parliament for Ningo-Prampram, Sam Nartey George on the programme are not entirely accurate and not borne out completely by the facts, thereby creating an erroneous depiction of the events.
3. It is important to emphasize that the purpose of the Axle Load Control Programme is not to generate revenue for the State but rather, a control programme to prevent the deterioration of the trunk roads because of overloading and vehicles exceeding the allowable height limits.
4. Even though the Honourable Member of Parliament failed to disclose the Axle Load Station in issue, the Authority can confirm that the statements made by him were in reference to the Station at Akom in the Ashanti Region.
5. In the instant case, the lady in question (name withheld) was originally engaged as a cashier and subsequently made the Supervisor at the Akom Axle Station. It is correct that when she took over as the Supervisor of the said station, there was an initial increase in the amounts collected as fines from the station. Management, however, subsequently observed a noticeable decline in the fines from its audit processes. In June 2024 in particular, Management also uncovered discrepancies in the fines submitted by the said Supervisor which prompted Management to launch an audit enquiry into the activities of the Station. Preliminary investigations uncovered more discrepancies in the figures submitted, especially from May 2024 to June 2024.
6. Indeed, the raw data downloaded directly from the software by the Audit Team revealed figures that were completely at variance with the returns submitted by the Supervisor and pointed to the fact that the software data were being edited and, in some cases, transactions were fraudulently deleted from the software to conceal them from Management.

7. Pending the outcome of the full investigations, appropriate steps have however been taken to maintain the integrity of operations, including enhanced supervision and reinforced protocols.
8. We state further that the said Supervisor was not dismissed as has been portrayed. Rather, her appointment, just like her other colleagues, which was for duration of 6 months came to end on 6th November 2024. Even though she re-applied for the position with some of her colleagues, she has refused to answer queries raised to her for malfeasance. Management is yet to make a decision on her re-engagement.
9. We reaffirm our commitment to a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption or misconduct. In fact, quite recently, some officers of the Authority who were found to have misconducted themselves in relation to the Axle Load Operations were interdicted and others dismissed. This stemmed from an invitation to the National Investigations Bureau (NIB) by the Authority to conduct investigations into the operations of the Axle Stations. The matter is currently with the Office of the Attorney General for the necessary prosecutions. The Authority reiterates that it will not shield any of its officers who are found culpable of professionally misconducting himself, including the Supervisor in issue.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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