



MEDIA ALERT

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GIWUSA MEMBERS STRIKE AT SUNBAKE, RCL FOODS (POLOKWANE)

Approximately 180 GIWUSA members at Sunbake, RCL Foods in Polokwane have embarked on an indefinite strike as of today (Monday, 21st November 2022). Workers at other depots of Sunbake will also go on strike – at Asizakhe, Bochum and Ellisrust.

These members toil at a very low wage of R4700 per month, before deductions, making baked goods such as bread and rolls that are sold in major supermarkets across the country to millions of people. Yet they cannot afford to regularly buy the bread they bake! A basic food basket costs R4800, which is more than the Sunbake RCL workers wage before deductions.

Our members are demanding:

1. Wage increase of R600 per month across the board
2. Transport pick-up Points must be located in the townships
3. Sales commission must be scrapped and overtime must be paid instead
4. Medical Aid scheme must be introduced on the basis of 50%/50% contributions
5. Job Grading – all jobs must be graded

In the context of high cost of living and chronic poverty the demands of our members are very legitimate and reasonable. The Sunbake workers support more than ten family members each on the poverty wage of R4700 per month and are sliding further into poverty whilst the bosses are still making their profits and their families continue to live in luxury.

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