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Re: Novus agreement with Independent Media

The office of the General Secretary-Organizer has noted and welcomes the signing of a new printing deal between Novus Holdings and Independent Media effective 1 August 2018. This comes after the Union and its members in the employ of Novus subsidiary Paarlcoldset had been served the union with a section 189 notice (notice of intention to retrench) in March of this year.

Retrenchments have ensued with Paarlcoldset closing its entire Pietermaritzburg operation. The South African Typographical Union will be writing to management at Novus to further get clarity on what this means for its members still in the employ and those who may be required again by the company as this agreement should assist the re-creation of the recently lost jobs at its operations.

The Union believes that this agreement is an important step in the consolidation of the industry with the length of contract providing a level of certainty for workers at Novus. We trust that the company will be forthcoming and work with SATU to ensure that workers and the company benefit from this agreement.

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