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## **Media Release**

### **Ghana Hostels Limited responds to comments by Acting Rent Commissioner**

The Management of Ghana Hostels Limited (GHL) has taken note of comments made by the Acting Rent Commissioner, Mr. Fredrick Opoku, on Hitz FM concerning rent charges at the Pentagon Hostel on the University of Ghana campus, Legon.

It is important to clarify that although this is a SSNIT investment, the day-to-day operations, tenancy arrangements, pricing structures and management decisions relating to the facility are handled by Ghana Hostels Limited which operates within the said market independently.

We wish to state that the comments made by the Acting Rent Commissioner were not based on adequate due diligence, which has since created a misleading impression about the operations of the facility.

Management of GHL are particularly concerned about his remarks made during the programme which created the impression that the institution is insensitive to the welfare of students and young people.

While we respect the right of individuals and media platforms to express opinions on matters of public interest, it is equally important that such commentary is fair, factual and balanced. Public commentary on matters such as this must be guided by accuracy, fairness, and responsible engagement.

#### **Actual Rent Charges**

For clarity, the standard accommodation at Pentagon Hostel for four students in a room at a total **academic year** cost of **GHS 7,392.00** and **GHS 8,876.00** for Old and New Pentagon respectively per student, translates into approximately **GHS 821.33** and **GHS 986.22** per month respectively. This amount **includes water, electricity quota, and JCR dues** of GHS 100.00 which is remitted to the JCR.

Indeed, compared to prevailing rates charged by several private hostels within the enclave, the rates at Pentagon Hostel are not only competitive and reasonable, but relatively the lowest one can get on campus. The impression created that SSNIT is exploiting students is wholly inaccurate and without basis.



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With respect to the **GHS28,000** figure referenced during the programme, no such rate appears in the pricing structure of the hostel. However, it is important to note that there are a limited category of premium rooms fitted with additional amenities such as air conditioning and in some cases queen size beds. **These rooms constitute below 5% of the total number of rooms at the Hostel. They are mostly patronised by a limited number of students who insist on extra features offered strictly as optional accommodation choices.**

The standard room type of 4-in-1 constitute more than 65% of the total rooms of the Hostel which are priced at comparatively lower rates. The 2-in-1 rooms constitute about 30% of the total rooms operated by the Hostel. In all, GHL prices are relatively cheaper and per the academic year and not per semester as indicated by the Acting Commissioner.

Accordingly, Management of GHL expects an immediate and unqualified apology from Acting Rent Commissioner for the unfortunate remarks made during the programme.

We remain committed to transparency, accountability, and constructive engagement with all stakeholders on issues of national interest.

**Issued by Management**