

WORKERS OF SCOTTISH CABLES

The Editorial Board of Isisebenzi wishes to apologise for an error in it's latest issue.

Isisebenzi received information that the minimum wage of any worker in Scottish Cables was 45c per hr. This is unfortunately untrue. The minimum wage is 31c per hr., which is about R14,00 per week. The poverty datum line is R21,00 per week.

Isisebenzi phoned Scottish Cables Management and they explained how the mistake must have happened:

Over the past two months Scottish Cables has been implementing a wage increase scheme involving productivity. The minimum wage in this scheme is 43c per hour.

This means that if a man works just and well, his value increases and he is paid more. All workers will be paid according to how much work they do.

Scottish Cables management say that after a number of workers have gained this increase, it will be extended to all ordinary labourers. Isisebenzi hopes that this will be soon.

Isisebenzi feels that this type of wage increase is not a good one in the present situation. Employers should not think in terms of productivity until all workers are living above the poverty datum line, and eat and live well enough to enable them to work better. Productivity is something which is very difficult to measure, and there are many other factors which management should consider before thinking of themselves and how much work they can wring from workers.

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