



## **PRESS RELEASE** **OKAY FM'S BASELESS AND CLUELESS** **ALLEGATIONS**

The Management of MMT is not pleased with the baseless allegations made by newspaper review team on OKAY FM's Morning Show on Wednesday, July 09, 2014 and wish to make the following clarifications;

- The panelists made an accusation that MMT conductors are not checked and so they keep stealing from the company's coffers.

This is not true, the Company has put a lot of measures in place to prevent ticket malpractices some of which are the recruitment of 150 bus inspectors to check conductors on road, mystery guests who join buses as passengers to report drivers and conductors who misbehave on road and an advert which is aired on GTV encouraging our passengers to insist on their tickets. As part of the Company's Five-Year Strategic Plan which was launched in May, electronic ticketing and electronic luggage scales will be introduced as part of measures to block revenue leakage.

- Buses are not painted after branding or road traffic crash

The current Executive took over the office in July, 2013 and upon assumption realized that branding of buses had dented the body of the buses thus not making the buses appealing and so decided to spray all those buses which Bamson Company Limited has contracted to spray 80 buses. It didn't end after the spraying of buses, the Executives directed that branding of buses should not be done on either the body of the bus or the whole body. MMT currently brands by putting the advert in cases on the driver's side, door side and at the back with 18.2 ft x 2.3 ft, 10.5ft x 2.3 ft and 5.3x 1.10 ft respectively.

- Management sits in comfort of their offices

This statement is not true. How can you work in a transport company and sit in the office? Management has a roaster that is adhered to. On this roaster, Management team visits depots and

points to find out what is happening on the ground. Our Executives are engineers and are always at the technical department making sure broken down buses get back on road fast.

- MMT is for Government

MMT is not owned by the Government of Ghana, instead the Government of Ghana (GOG) has shares together with Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), National Investment Bank (NIB), Prudential Bank Limited (PBL), SIC-Insurance Co. (SIC), Ghana Oil Company (GOIL) and Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT).

- Government should sell MMT

This is such a useless and baseless statement coming from someone who is supposed to represent the masses. Because you drive in the convenience of car, you don't care about our brothers and sisters who are in the rural areas with bad roads where their only means of road transport is by Metro Mass buses. How can Government sell a company that is making profit and not running at a loss? The Company has purchased 150 buses from its internally generated funds. Is this a company that is not performing?

MMT will not allow people who do not know what their saying to bother them instead, we are thinking of how to increase our fleet before the end of the year to be able to expand our services as documented in our Five- Year Strategic Plan.

Let's not forget that all the other transport companies OKAY FM newspaper review team compared MMT with were all part of the National Road Safety Awards organized in 2013 but MMT was adjudged the Over All Best Transport Company. Our competitors do not also ply 333 routes like we do.

The fact that you are on air doesn't give you the power to make pointless and baseless allegations.

Our doors have always been opened to our friends from the media and our cherished passengers. The general public can call MMT toll free line **0800-10-400** with their complains, enquiries and suggestions.

MMT remains Ghana's reliable, safe and efficient means of transport.

MMT.....*Moving the Nation*.....

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