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PROCLAMATION 163 OF 2024

by the
PRESIDENT of the REPUBLIC of SOUTH AFRICA

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNITS AND SPECIAL TRIBUNALS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 74 OF 1996): REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO EXISTING SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT AND SPECIAL TRIBUNAL: MOQHAKA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS allegations as contemplated in section 2(2) of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No. 74 of 1996) (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), have been made in respect of the affairs of the Moqhaka Local Municipality, situated in the Free State Province (hereinafter referred to as "the Municipality");

AND WHEREAS the Municipality may have suffered losses that may be recovered;

AND WHEREAS I deem it necessary that the said allegations should be investigated and civil proceedings emanating from such investigation should be adjudicated upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby, under section 2(1) of the Act, refer the matters mentioned in the Schedule, in respect of the Municipality, for investigation to the Special Investigating Unit established by Proclamation No. R. 118 of 31 July 2001 and determine that, for the purposes of the investigation of the matters, the terms of reference of the Special Investigating Unit are to investigate as contemplated in the Act, any alleged—

(a) serious maladministration in connection with the affairs of the Municipality;
(b) improper or unlawful conduct by employees of the Municipality;
(c) unlawful appropriation or expenditure of public money or property;
(d) unlawful, irregular or unapproved acquisitive act, transaction, measure or

practice having a bearing upon State property;

(e) intentional or negligent loss of public money or damage to public property;

(f) offence referred to in Parts 1 to 4, or section 17, 20 or 21 (in so far as it relates to the aforementioned offences) of Chapter 2 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004), and which offences were committed in connection with the affairs of the Municipality; or

(g) unlawful or improper conduct by any person, which has caused or may cause serious harm to the interests of the public or any category thereof,

which took place between 1 January 2019 and the date of publication of this Proclamation or which took place prior to 1 January 2019 or after the date of publication of this Proclamation, but is relevant to, connected with, incidental or ancillary to the matters mentioned in the Schedule or involve the same persons, entities or contracts investigated under authority of this Proclamation, and to exercise or perform all the functions and powers assigned to or conferred upon the said Special Investigating Unit by the Act, including the recovery of any losses suffered by the Municipality or the State, in relation to the said matters in the Schedule.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at **Johannesburg** this **11** day of **December** Two thousand and twenty three.

MC Ramaphosa
President
By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:
RO Lamola
Minister of the Cabinet

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SCHEDULE

1. The procurement of, or contracting for armed physical security services in terms of Bid Number 4/2/2/2018-2019 by or on behalf of the Municipality and payments made in respect thereof in a manner that was–

(*a*) not fair, competitive, transparent, equitable or cost-effective;

(*b*) contrary to applicable—

(i) legislation;

(ii) manuals, guidelines, practice notes, circulars or instructions issued by the National Treasury or the relevant Provincial Treasury; or

(iii) manuals, policies, procedures, prescripts, instructions or practices of, or applicable to the Municipality,

and related unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the Municipality or losses suffered by the Municipality or the State.

2. Any improper or unlawful conduct by–

(*a*) the applicable service providers of the Municipality; or

(*b*) any other person or entity,

relating to the allegations referred to in paragraph 1 of this Schedule.

PROKLAMASIE KENNISGEWING 163 VAN 2024

van die

PRESIDENT van die REPUBLIEK van SUID AFRIKA

WET OP SPESIALE ONDERSOEKEENHEDE EN SPESIALE TRIBUNALE, 1996: VERWYSING VAN AANGELEENTHEDE NA BESTAANDE SPESIALE ONDERSOEKEENHEID: MOQHAKA PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT

AANGESIEN bewerings soos beoog in artikel 2(2) van die Wet op Spesiale Ondersoekeenhede en Spesiale Tribunale, 1996 (Wet No. 74 van 1996) (hierna na verwys as "die Wet"), gemaak is in verband met die aangeleenthede van die Moqhaka Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, geleë in die Vrystaat Provinsie (hierna na verwys as "die Munisipaliteit");

EN AANGESIEN die Munisipaliteit of die Staat verliese gely het wat verhaal kan word;

EN AANGESIEN ek dit nodig ag dat gemelde bewerings ondersoek en siviele geskille voortspruitend uit sodanige ondersoek bereg moet word;

DERHALWE verwys ek hierby, kragtens artikel 2(1) van die Wet, die aangeleenthede in die Bylae vermeld ten opsigte van die Munisipaliteit, vir ondersoek na die Spesiale Ondersoekeenheid ingestel by Proklamasie No. R. 118 van 31 Julie 2001 en bepaal dat, vir die doeleindes van die ondersoek van die aangeleenthede, die opdrag van die Spesiale Ondersoekeenheid is om soos beoog in gemelde Wet, ondersoek te doen na enige beweerde—

(*a*) ernstige wanadministrasie in verband met die aangeleenthede van die Munisipaliteit;

(*b*) onbehoorlike of onregmatige optrede deur beamptes of werknemers van die Munisipaliteit;

(*c*) onregmatige bewilliging of besteding van publieke geld of eiendom;

(*d*) onwettige, onreëlmatige of nie-goedgekeurde verkrygende handeling, transaksie, maatreël of praktyk wat op Staatseiendom betrekking het;

(*e*) opsetlike of nalatige verlies van publieke geld of skade aan publieke eiendom;

(*f*) misdryf bedoel in Dele 1 tot 4, of artikel 17, 20 of 21 (vir sover dit op voornoemde misdrywe betrekking het) van Hoofstuk 2 van die Wet op die Voorkoming en Bestryding van Korrupte Bedrywighede, 2004 (Wet No. 12 van 2004), en welke misdrywe gepleeg is in verband met die sake van die Munisipaliteit; of

(*g*) onwettige of onbehoorlike optrede deur enige persoon wat ernstige benadeling vir die belange van die publiek of enige kategorie daarvan veroorsaak het of kan veroorsaak,

wat plaasgevind het tussen 1 Januarie 2019 en die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie of wat plaasgevind het voor 1 Januarie 2019 of na die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, wat relevant is tot, verband hou met, insidenteel of bykomstig is tot, die aangeleenthede vermeld in die Bylae of wat dieselfde persone, entiteite of kontrakte betrek wat ondersoek word kragtens die volmag verleen deur hierdie Proklamasie, en om al die werksaamhede en bevoegdhede wat deur die Wet aan die gemelde Spesiale Ondersoekeenheid toegewys of opgedra is, uit te oefen of te verrig in verband met die genoemde aangeleenthede in die Bylae, insluitend die verhaal van enige verliese wat deur die Munisipaliteit of die Staat gely is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te **JNB** op hede die **11** dag van **Desember** Twee duisend-drie-en-twintig.

MC Ramaphosa
President
Op las van die President-in-Kabinet
RO Lamola
Minister van die Kabinet

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BYLAE

1. Die aanskaffing van, of kontraktering vir, gewapende veiligheidsdienste ingevolge Bodnummer 4/2/2/2018-2019 deur of namens die Munisipaliteit en betalings ten opsigte daarvan gemaak op 'n wyse wat—

(*a*) nie regverdig, mededingend, deursigtig, billik of koste-effektief was nie; of

(*b*) strydig was met toepaslike—

 (i) wetgewing;

 (ii) handleidings, riglyne, praktyknotas, omsendskrywes of instruksies wat deur die Nasionale Tesourie of die betrokke Provinsiale Tesourie uitgevaardig is; of

 (iii) handleidings, beleid, prosedures, voorskrifte, instruksies of praktyke van, of wat op die Munisipaliteit van toepassing is,

en enige verwante ongemagtigde, onreëlmatige of vrugtelose en verkwiste uitgawes wat aangegaan is, of verliese wat gely is deur die Munisipaliteit of die Staat.

2. Enige onreëlmatige, onbehoorlike of onwettige optrede deur—

(*a*) die betrikke diensverskaffers van die Munisipaliteit; of

(*b*) enige ander persoon of entiteit,

met betrekking tot die bewerings uiteengesit in paragraaf 1 van hierdie Bylae.

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