AD HOC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE TO INQUIRE INTO THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR OF NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY – WITNESS BUNDLE No.1: "WB1"

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WRITTEN STATEMENT, MADE UNDER OATH, TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

I, the undersigned,

CLIFFTON JOHN GROEP

do hereby make oath and state that:

- I am an adult male duly elected Mayor of the Naledi Local Municipality ("the municipality"), at 19A Market Street, Vryburg in the Dr Ruth Segomoti Mompati District, North West Province.
- I am acting in my official capacity. I have been elected and duly appointed as Mayor in terms of the provisions of section 48 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, No. 117 of 1998 ("the Structures Act") and I exercise my functions and duties as provided in section 49 of the Structures Act.
- The facts contained in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge unless it appears otherwise from the context herein, and are to the best of my belief, both true and correct.



THE PURPOSE OF THIS AFFIDAVIT

- 4. I have prepared this affidavit in pursuance to an invitation to do so by the instructing attorneys of the duly constituted "Ad Hoc Committee on the allegations of impropriety conduct made against the Premier of the Province by the Mayor of Naledi Local Municipality, Councillor Clifton J Groep" hereinafter referred to as "the ad hoc committee".
- 5. The ad hoc committee has been set up to conduct an investigation into the allegations of impropriety conduct levelled against the Premier of the North West Province ("the Premier"). The said allegations levelled against the Premier arose at the time when the Premier was the Chief Whip of the African National Congress ("the ANC") in the North West Province and also the head of the ANC's deployment committee in the North West Province.
- 6. In terms of the terms of reference of the ad hoc committee, this affidavit must deal with the following subject matters:
 - 6.1. whether attempts were made directly or indirectly to tamper with the recruitment report that was prepared for and on behalf of the municipality which was submitted to the Member of Executive Committee for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs ("the MEC") in respect of the recruitment process for the appointment of the municipal manager (Mr Thompson Modisenyane Segapo ("Mr Segapo"));



- 6.2. when and by whom were the attempts made to tamper with the recruitment report directly or indirectly that was prepared for and on behalf of the municipality which was submitted to the MEC in respect of the process of recruitment and appointment of the municipal manager;
- 6.3. whether any member of the North West Provincial Legislature colluded with and/or participated in the attempt to tamper with the recruitment report that was prepared for and on behalf of the municipality directly or indirectly which was submitted to the MEC in respect of the process of recruitment and appointment of the municipal manager; and
- 6.4. Whether the conduct of any member of the North West Provincial Legislature in the alleged attempt to directly or indirectly to tamper with the recruitment report in respect of the process of recruitment and appointment of the municipal manager of the municipality amounts to a serious misconduct or a serious violation of the Constitution or the law. A copy of the terms of records attached, marked annexure "GC1".
- 7. This affidavit, therefore, chronicles the events surrounding the allegations that I have levelled against the Premier and in the process, answers the questions posed in the preceding sub-paragraphs.



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A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE PENDING LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS IN THE MAHIKENG HIGH COURT UNDER CASE NUMBERS UM199/2023 and UM53/2023

- 8. The aforesaid litigation proceedings were instituted by Thabo Appolus; Cllr Lorato Sethlake; Cllr Lebogang Jacobs and Cllr Vuyiswa Morakile, (as "the applicants") on the one hand against the municipality; the municipal council; the Speak of council; the appointed municipal manager and I on the other hand (as "the first to sixth respondents").
- 9. I must also record that the MEC, South African Local Government Association and the North West Provincial Treasury have also been cited as the co-respondents (as "the seventh to ninth respondents").
- 10. A brief account of the issues pleaded in the matters in the above case numbers is necessary. It provides insight into why the allegations concerned have been made against the Premier and the first applicant ("Mr Appolus").
- The matter under case number UM53/2023 was recently argued in the Supreme Court of Appeal ("the SCA"). Similarly, the case pleaded and presented on behalf of the applicants by their counsel is also relevant in the construction (or the formulation) of the allegations levelled against the Premier and Mr Appolus.
- 12. The main prayers that the applicants had sought against the first to sixth respondents, in the main, were to declare the appointment of the sixth



respondent (the municipal manager) unlawful, with a concomitant result of reviewing and setting aside the said appointment.

- 13. The thrust of the applicants' case against the first to sixth respondents are predicated on the following grounds that:
 - 13.1. the municipal council meeting that led the appointment of the municipal manager was flawed;
 - 13.2. the municipal manager does not possess the requisite academic or tertiary qualifications and that he should not have been appointed as the municipal manager (of the municipality);
 - 13.3. the MEC had furnished a report, broadly in terms of section 54A(7)(a) and (b) to (10) of the Local Government: Systems Act 32 of 2000 ("the Systems Act") read with the Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, indicating that he did not support the appointment of the municipal manager as such.
- 14. The applicants' review application was and remains opposed by the first to sixth respondents in the aforementioned Courts. The seventh to ninth respondents did not participate in the said review application nor in the SCA. In the Mahikeng High Court, the MEC's office has filed a notice to abide.



- 15. The Mahikeng High Court, per Reid J's judgment of 19 September 2023 ruled that the appointment of the municipal manager was reviewable and should be set aside with costs. Subsequent thereto an application for leave to appeal the said order was launched on behalf of the first to sixth respondents.
- 16. Subsequent thereto, there have been an avalanche of applications (an application to execute Reid J's aforesaid judgment; the section 18(4) appeal in terms of the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013 ("the Superior Courts Act"); the issuance of a writ of execution by the applicants; an urgent application by the first to sixth respondents setting aside the said writ of execution; a further application for leave to appeal the order confirming the issuance of the writ of execution; applicants' contempt proceedings against the first to sixth respondents; an application for leave to appeal dismissing the applicants' application seeking to declare the first to sixth respondents to be in contempt of Reid J's aforesaid order of 19 September 2023).
- 17. Suffice to also record that the order of Reid J dated 19 September 2023 was recently a subject matter of appeal that was argued in the SCA on 21 August 2025.

 As at present, the parties are awaiting the outcome of the said argued appeal before the SCA.



THE EVENTS THAT UNFOLDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE APPEAL AT THE SCA WAS ARGUED ON 21 AUGUST 2025

- 18. It was brought to my attention by Mr Thabo Sejake, an assistant manager in the occupational health and safety department of the municipality ("Mr Sejake"), on 3 September 2025, that although the case pleaded by the applicants throughout has, *inter alia*, been that the MEC did not support the municipal manager's appointment as such, the MEC's report that served before the Mahikeng High Court and in the SCA, as aforesaid, had been tempered with.
- 19. This information was brought to my attention after the appeal at the SCA had been argued. Had it been brought to my attention before the appeal was argued at the SCA, I would have asked that the information that Mr Sejake had furnished to me was placed before the appeal Court (the SCA).
- 20. At the joint committee meeting of SCOPA; SCOAG and the North West Provincial Legislature of **2 September 2025**, the municipality was, in conjunction with other municipalities, invited to present, amongst other things, their financial state of affairs; the filling of critical posts within the municipality etc.
- 21. A question¹ was posed by Hon Van Zyl to the municipality's delegation which included the municipal manager, as follows:

¹ Page 5 of 13 of the transcribed minutes of 2 September 2025 meeting.



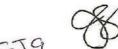
"What is happening with the position of MM being challenged in the High Court.... Was it found to be illegal and what will now happen. So, we could just have some clarity on the MM's appointment being challenged. Thank you."

22. I then responded and my response is captured in the said draft minute of 2 September 2025² as follows:

"MAYOR C.I. GROEP: Member of the Legislature Mr Appolus is mentioning, that the Honourable Premier, Mr Mokgosi and three REC Members, Doreen Mariri, Bux Mathonsi and Boy-Boy Sejake went to him to alter the report that was submitted to the MEC's Office.

Now this case has been clearly, now you can see is been based on lies, it was fabricated, the MEC was misled, fraud was committed. As we sit here, the case is at SCA, Honourable Chairperson, but we have since. In the letter, maybe I must also make mentioned, I was called by a member of parliament from the EFF, Mr Mothusi Montwedi, asking myself as the Mayor to please withdraw the case from the SCA because, he said the Advocate has not being paid, that he has recommended to the Premier for this case "

² Page 8 of 13 of the transcribed minutes of 2 September 2025 meeting.



THE TELEPHONE CALL THAT I RECEIVED FROM MR MONTWEDI

- I also informed members of the joint committee meeting SCOPA; SCOAG and the North West Provincial Legislature of the telephone call that I received from Mr Jan Mothusi Montwedi, an EFF member of Parliament/Provincial Legislature during which call he pleaded me to withdraw the pending appeal at the SCA.
- 24. He further informed me, during the said telephone call, that Mr Appollus' counsel and attorneys had not been placed on funds and the withdrawal of the appeal by the municipality would facilitate a cost order to be entered against the municipality so that Mr Appollus' legal representatives can be compensated for the work done up until the SCA appeal stage.
- 25. The said meeting then concluded by, inter alia:
 - 25.1. noting that the pending appeal at the SCA and other Court matters involving the applicants and respondents are *sub judice*;
 - 25.2. the joint committee had no authority to deal with pending High Court or appeal Court matters;
 - 25.3. that an ad hoc committee be constituted to look into the alleged interference by the Premier, as aforesaid, based on the allegations that I have referenced above;



- 25.4. that my allegations, as aforesaid, would be reported to the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs ("the Minister") for consideration and further investigation; and
- 25.5. that a criminal case should be opened against the implicated persons based on the serious nature of the allegations levelled against the Premier and Mr Appolus.
- 26. For ease of reference, I annex herein a copy of the minutes of the joint committee meeting marked as "CJG2".
- 27. On <u>3 September 2025</u>, Mr Sejake agreed to reduce his version of events, in writing, as to why he contends that the MEC's report that was relied upon by the applicants had been tempered with and further that certain documents were removed from the municipal manager's application form for the post concerned.

 Mr Sejake's affidavit was deposed and commissioned on <u>10 September 2025</u>.
- 28. Because I was not present when the alleged tempering of the MEC's report took place, I record the content of Mr Sejake's affidavit in particular paragraphs 4 to 24 of his affidavit in which he states under oath as follows:
 - "4. I have conveyed the facts stated in this affidavit below to Mr Groep and Mr Segapo on 3 September 2025.



- 5. The respondents in the present pending appeal in the Supreme Court of Appeal, under case number 122/2024 approached the Mahikeng High Court to seek the review and set aside of the fifth appellant's appointment as the municipal manager of the municipality. The matter was struck off from the roll with costs on 17 March 2023.
- 6. After the matter had been struck off from the roll (as against the respondents), I received a telephone call from the then Chief Whip of the African National Congress ("ANC") in the Noth West Province, Mr Lazy Mokgosi ("Mr Mokgosi"). Mr Mokgosi was, at the time, the head of the deployment committee of the ANC in the North West Province.
- 7. Mr Mokgosi subsequently became the Premier of the North West Province, and he still remains as such and also the head of the deployment committee of the ANC of the North West Province.
- 8. Mr Mokgosi asked me to accompany him to see Mr Thabo Appolus regarding the pending High Court matter involving the appellants and respondents in the Mahikeng High Court.
- 9. Mr Mokgosi was a close friend of mine, and we worked together in the political affairs of the ANC within the province. He came to fetch me at my place of residence at no. 155 Mackenzi Street, Vryburg on Sunday, 2 April 2023.



- 10. Mr Mokgosi was accompanied by one Doreen Mariri and a certain Aobakwe Mathontshi. We all proceeded to visit the first respondent at his place of residence in Ganyesa, North West. We were driven by Mr Mokgosi, in his car.
- 11. The Mr Appolus welcomed us at his home and a meeting then commenced:

 Mr Mokgosi was in possession of Mr Segapo's Curriculum Vitae; check list

 for the recruitment process of the municipal manager at the municipality;

 the fifth appellant's academic records and qualification and all other

 supporting documents that formed part of Mr Segapo's application for the

 post of the municipal manager.
- 12. Mr Mokgosi was not in possession of the application documents of other applicants to the post of the municipal manager. At the time, the concern by Mr Mokgosi was not whether the fifth appellant had submitted all the documents, since he had.
- 13. Mr Mokgosi was unhappy with the appointment of the Mr Segapo as the municipal manager. His reasoning was that the municipal council of the municipality had defied the ANC's political directive that Mr Segapo should not have been appointed as the municipal manager, as aforesaid.
- 14. The purpose of the meeting was, therefore, to seek Mr Appolus's assistance to derail the appointment of Mr Segapo as the municipal manager. At the time, Mr Appolus was the municipality's Director: Corporate Services, and



all human resource and recruitment functions fell under him (the first respondent).

- 15. Mr Mokgosi sought to discredit Mr Segapo's appointment, as aforesaid, notwithstanding the existence of an internal legal opinion that the Department of Co-operative Governance Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs ("CoGHSTA") had prepared and advised that there was no procedural or substantive irregularities in the manner the fifth appellant had been appointed as the municipal manager.
- 16. Mr Mokgosi then asked Mr Appolus to try and find anything that could assist him (Mr Mokgosi) to ensure that the appointment of Mr Segapo is reviewed and set aside. Mr Appolus then agreed.
- 17. During the said meeting, Mr Appolus and Mr Mokgosi went through the check list for the appointment of a municipal manager.
- 18. Mr Mokgosi further stated that the MEC's report would then be used as the basis and/or opinion as to why the appointment of Mr Segapo should be reviewed and set aside. Shortly before the meeting ended, I left the room and waited outside and few minutes later Mr Mokgosi, Doreen Mariri and Aobakwe Mathontshi joined me, and we left Ganyesa for Vryburg.
- 19. I must also record that Mr Mokgosi was in constant telephonic communication with a legal representative who advised Mr Mokgosi on



how the urgent application that had been struck off from the roll on 17

March 2023 would be reinstated and re-argued on the basis that the MEC would not have concurred on the appointment of Mr Segapo as the municipal manager.

CONCLUSION

- 20. The reason why I am volunteering this information late in the day is because as early as April 2025, Mr Appolus had sent to me, via WhatsApp, a screenshot WhatsApp communication between Mr Appolus and Mr Mokgosi in which the first respondent, inter alia, recorded that the purported MEC's report was not authored by the MEC for CoGHSTA Nono Maloyi but had been prepared in the circumstances that I have explained above.
- 21. I annex a copy of the first respondent's WhatsApp screenshot communication between him and Mr Mokgosi annexed hereto as "TS1".
- 22. It is clear to me that Mr Mokgosi has used Mr Appolus to achieve his political goal of discrediting Mr Segapo. Mr Appolus apologised to me for having included my name in the said annexure ("TS1") on social media and informing the whole world of the meeting of 2 April 2023 as aforesaid.
- 23. I have been following the Court proceedings involving the parties and my conscience does not allow me to hide the true facts and for the Courts to



make decisions that are based on incorrect facts.

- 24. In addition, I witnessed Mr Groep's recent address, on national television that was aired on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, in which he explained to the National Portfolio Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs that there is evidence that has recently surfaced which points to the tampering of the MEC's report that was submitted in Court as the basis of reviewing and setting aside Mr Segapo's appointment as municipal manager of the municipality."
- 29. For ease of reference, I annex a copy of Mr Sejake's affidavit marked hereto as "CJG3". I must also indicate that the said affidavit was also sent to the Registrar of the SCA after the appeal was heard. To that end, I annex a copy of the letter penned by the first to sixth respondents' correspondent attorneys to that effect marked hereto as "CJG4".
- 30. The import of Mr Sejake's affidavit is to the effect that although the applicants or Mr Appolus were or was aware that the MEC's purported report that was ostensibly relied upon by the applicants both in the Mahikeng High Court and in the SCA had been tempered with, the applicants have throughout maintained that the MEC was the author of the said report and he did not support the appointment of the municipal manager.
- 31. In addition, Mr Sejake's said affidavit was also forwarded to the Deputy Judge
 President of the Mahikeng High Court who presided in the contempt application



that was brought by the applicants against first to sixth respondents. The said affidavit formed part of the first to sixth respondents' opposition to the applicants' leave to appeal the order by the Mahikeng High Court in which the Deputy Judge President had dismissed the contempt application brought by the applicants.

- 32. I must also record the fact that the Deputy Judge President has since granted the applicants leave to appeal her order dismissing the applicants' contempt of Court proceedings order. The applicants have been granted leave directly to appeal to the SCA on 15 October 2025. This is common cause amongst the parties.
- I am also informed that an internal legal opinion was obtained by CoGHSTA immediately after the appointment of the municipal manager (Mr Segapo) had been communicated to the MEC for CoGHSTA. The said opinion, I am further advised, concluded by informing CoGHSTA that Mr Segapo was a suitable candidate for the appointment of the municipal manager.
- 34. The have never had sight of the said legal opinion. The existence of the said opinion was also confirmed by Mr Sejake to me. In this regard, I invite the evidence leading team of the ad hoc committee to subpoena same from CoGHSTA.
- 35. Mr Appolus and other applicants have placed reliance on the correspondence that exchanged hands between the office of the MEC for CoGHSTA and I during the recruitment process concerned. The said correspondence formed part of the review application in the Mahikeng High Court and also in the SCA.



- 36. Mr Appolus and the other applicants also placed reliance on the following document:
 - 36.1. the applicants' attorneys' letter addressed to the National Minister for CoGHSTA dated 18 April 2023;³
 - 36.2. the applicants' attorneys' letter addressed to the MEC for CoGHSTA dated 9 May 2023;⁴
 - 36.3. the MEC for CoGHSTA's report regarding the appointment of the municipal manager concerned, dated 11 April 2023;⁵
 - 36.4. the applicants' attorneys' letter addressed to the MEC for CoGHSTA dated 1 June 2023;6
 - 36.5. the personal credential verification report by MIE for candidates for the post of the municipal manager;⁷
 - 36.6. the municipality's response letter to the MEC for CoGHSTA dated 10 May 2023;8

⁸ See annexure "B", pages 346 to 347, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.



³ See annexure "HH1", pages 300 to 304, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

⁴ See annexure "HH2", pages 307 to 308, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

⁵ See annexure "HH3", pages 309 to 313, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

⁶ See annexure "HH4", pages 316 to 318, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

⁷ See annexures "AA1" to "AA5", pages 341 to 345, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

- verification letter by the municipality's Manager: Human Resource 36.7. Management, dated 11 November 2022 and 17 November 2022, respectively;9
- screening report by the municipality's Human Resource Management, 36.8. dated 18 November 2022;10
- MIE's qualification check report;¹¹ 36.9.
- 36.10. minutes of the municipality's interviewing panel for the post of the municipal manager (which interviews were) held on 22 November 2022;12
- 36.11. Mr Segapo's letter to the mayor confirming that he did not hold any political office as contemplated in section 56A of the Systems Act (as at 13 March 2023);13
- 36.12. the municipality's letter of appointment of the municipal manager, dated 10 March 2023.14

¹⁴ See annexure "G", pages 355 to 357, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.



⁹ See annexures "B1" and "B2", pages 348 to 349, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

¹⁰ See annexure "C", pages 350 to 351, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

See annexure "D", page 352, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.
 See annexure "E", page 353, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

¹³ See annexure "F", page 354, SCA Appeal Vol 2 of 3.

THE CRIMINAL CASE

- 37. Consistent with the recommendations made by the joint committee, as aforesaid, I proceeded to open a criminal case of fraud arising from Mr Sejake's aforesaid affidavit. The said criminal case was opened based on, *inter alia*, Mr Sejake's affidavit and my further affidavit that I signed and had it commissioned on 13

 September 2025. A copy of an unsigned version of the said affidavit is attached hereto, marked as "CJG5". The signed and commissioned affidavit was given to the Police on opening of the case, and a case docket was duly opened.
- 38. Mr Segapo, the municipal manager of the municipality, also opened a case in respect of the unlawful and illegal manner in which his application, containing personal and confidential information, for appointment as municipal manager at the municipality, was obtained by Mr Mokgosi and disseminated to various individuals, including Mr Sejake, Mr Appolus, Doreen Mariri and Bucks Mathunzi on 2 April 2023 at the residence of Mr Appolus.
- 39. That notwithstanding, and although these matters are yet to be investigated, I refer to the various SMS communications that exchanged between the SAPS in Ganyesa and Mr Segapo in which the following is recorded:
 - on <u>15 September 2025</u>, a criminal case was registered in <u>Vryburg</u> reference number <u>CAS 97/3/2025</u> informing of the existence of a criminal case (of fraud) against the Premier and Mr Appolus;



- 39.2. a further message was received from the SAPS that a criminal case had been registered at the Ganyesa Police Station under reference number CAS 62/9/2025;
- 39.3. on Wednesday, 17 September 2025, a further SMS communication was received from the Ganyesa Police Station advising that the contact details of the investigating officer would follow soon;
- 39.4. the case docket was transferred to the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation ("DPCI").
- 39.5. on 9 October 2025 Segapo was informed that the matter was referred back to Ganyesa SAPS for investigation by a Police Officer stationed at the Ganyesa Police Station.
- 39.6. Mr Segapo then sent a letter to the DPCI to inter alia demand that the matter be treated with the seriousness it deserved and to be properly investigated, using the full resources and capacity of the DPCI. A copy of Mr Segapo's letter to the DPCI is attached hereto, marked annexure "CIG6"
- 39.7. thereafter, a further SMS communication was received advising that the matter had been referred for decision to prosecute to the Senior Public Prosecutor on 15 October 2025;



- 39.8. on the same day at approximately 14h07, Mr Segapo received an SMS from the SAPS at Ganyesa Police Station regarding CAS 62/9/2025 informing me that the case has been withdrawn and the reason for the withdrawal is simply stated as "NOLLE PROSECUTE" by a "SENIOR PUBLIC PROSECUTOR / PUBLIC PROSECUTOR". Upon enquiry from the Investigating Officer, Mr Segapo was informed that the matter was withdrawn by a Prosecutor, Mr Watson, who is not a Senior Public.
- 39.9. on 27 October 2025, the DPCI, responded to Mr Segapo's letter by simply acknowledging receipt of his enquiry. A copy of the letter is annexed hereto, marked annexure "CJG7".
- 40. I confirm that I never received any communication from SAPS Ganyesa in respect of the criminal case I opened. It would appear that only one case docket was opened using both Mr Segapo and my own affidavits.
- 41. I annex trail messages as aforesaid, marked hereto as "CJG8".
- 42. Not only it is disheartening but inexplicable that the criminal case has now been withdrawn.
- 43. Upon enquiry from the Investigating Officer, Mr Segapo was informed that the matter was withdrawn by a Prosecutor, Mr Watson, because the content of the documents did not contain any elements of any trial.



- 44. I attach hereto a confirmatory affidavit by Mr Segapo confirming the contents of this affidavit as far it pertains to him, marked Annexure "CJG9".
- 45. I instructed an attorney to make formal enquiries to Mr Watson as to the reasons for his decision to withdraw the matter, as the content of Mr Sejake's affidavit clearly contradicts any decision or opinion that the statements deposed to by Segapo and myself do not contain any elements of any crimes.

CLIFFTON JOHN GROEP

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DRAFT REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER AND FINANCE AND THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS ON THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR OF NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, COUNCILLOR CLIFTON J GROEP DATED THE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On the 2nd of September 2025, Naledi Local Municipality appeared before the National Parliament's Joint Portfolio Committees that were conducting oversight over the North West Province Municipalities, following up on matters that were raised by the Auditor General during the regulatory audit. This oversight by the Joint Committees was from the 1st to the 3rd September 2025 at the Legislature Auditorium.

The following Members of the Legislature were also part of the oversight process. i.e. Hon Speaker, Dr Mohono, Chief Whip of the House, Hon Rosho, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Hon Makgokgowa, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Premier and Finance, Hon Oliphant, Hon Moema, Hon Matshe and Hon Steyl.

The Premier of the Province, Hon Lazarus Mokgosi, the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in the Province, Hon Molapisi, and the MEC responsible for Finance in the Province Hon Mosenogi were also in attendance.

When the Naledi Municipal presented before the Joint Committees, they were represented by the Mayor, the Speaker, the Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Manager. During the presentation by the Mayor of the Naledi Municipality, allegations were made that implicated the Premier of the Province and Members of the Legislature in wrongdoing and manipulation of the report and as a result, the Chairperson of the session Hon Zwelile Mkhize, adjourned the meeting and requested that the legislature meet separately to decide on the way forward.

The following Members of the Legislature convened at the Speaker's Boardroom to deliberate on the matter.

- a) Hon Speaker of the Legislature,
- b) Hon Chief Whip of the Legislature,



- c) Hon N Oliphant,
- d) Hon Makgokgowa,
- e) Hon Moema,
- f) Hon Matshe, and
- g) Hon Steyl.

The component of Members of the Provincial Legislature agreed that the Joint Committees of the North West Provincial Legislature comprising of the Portfolio Committee on the Premier and Finance and the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs must meet to consider the matter and propose a process that must be followed in the further handling of the matter. The meeting of the Joint committees was endorsed by the Speaker of the Legislature, and as a result, an approval was granted by the Speaker for the Joint Committees to meet on the 4th of September 2025.

2. MEETING OF THE JOINT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES ON PREMIER AND FINANCE AND COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS.

On the 4th of September 2025, the two committees, acting in terms of Rule 169(1) of the Rules of the North West Provincial Legislature, convened with a view of deliberating on this matter.

After having deliberated, the two committees agreed that the establishment of an ad hoc would be the most viable mechanism to deal with the allegations and therefore the allegations must be referred for a formal enquiry by an Ad Hoc Committee to be known as the Ad Hoc Committee on the allegations of impropriety conduct made against the Premier of the Province by Mayor of Naledi Local Municipality, Councillor Clifton J Groep hereinafter referred to as the Ad Hoc Committee.

On the 16th of September 2025, the Joint Committees met to consider and adopt the report and the following Members attended the meeting:-

- Hon Rosho
- Hob Modise
- Hon Khonou
- Hon Oliphant
- Hon Makgokgowa
- Hon van Huysteen
- Hon Steyl



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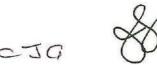
- Hon Botswe,
- Hon Matshe
- Hon Tsholo
- Hon Sebego, and
- Hon Moema.

The Joint Committees agreed on the terms of reference for consideration by the House, which are contained in this report under several headings. For that reason, the House is requested to refer the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee for a formal enquiry ("the Enquiry") in terms of the Rules of the North West Provincial Legislature.

Rules 186-188 of the Standing Rules of the Legislature regulate the establishment and the functioning of the Ad Hoc Committees and is quoted hereunder for ease of reference

186. Establishment

- (1) An Ad Hoc committee may be established by-
 - (a) resolution of the House, or, by the Speaker, after consulting the Chief Whip and the whips of each of the other parties.
 - (b) The names of the Members appointed must be published in the ATC.
 - (c) Any decision by the Speaker to appoint an Ad Hoc committee must be tabled in the House on its first sitting day or as soon as possible thereafter after the decision was taken for ratification by the House.
 - (d) An ad hoc committee has the powers listed in Rule 157 or as specified in the resolution or decision establishing the committee.
 - (2) An Ad Hoc Committee is appointed to carry out a specific task or assignment and for a specific period and ceases to exist -
 - (a) When it has completed the task for which it was established and submitted its report to the House; or
 - (b) If it is dissolved by the House earlier.
- (3) Unless a resolution establishing an Ad Hoc committee provides otherwise a question before an Ad Hoc committee is decided when a quorum in terms of Rule 156 is present and there is an agreement by the majority of Members present.



187. Composition

The Speaker, after consultation with the Leaders of represented parties, appoints Members for an Ad Hoc committee on nomination by the Parties and Independent Members, to carry out a particular assignment as specified by the House or the Speaker.

188. Functions

- (1) The resolution of the House or decision of the Speaker establishing an Ad Hoc committee must
 - (a) Specify the task assigned to the committee; and
 - (b) Set the time frames for the completion of performance of the task.
- (2) An Ad Hoc committee may conduct its business when the Legislature is on recess, in which event it must report after the resumption of business, provided that no elections for the Legislature have taken place in the interim.

It is important to note that a committee of the Legislature that holds an enquiry for purposes of reporting to the Legislature is exercising public power and is obliged to do so in accordance with, but not limited to, the fundamental principles of the rule of law and legality.

It is therefore important that the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Committee must resonates with the above principles. The Ad Hoc Committee may not vary its terms of reference except with the approval of the House.

3. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The North West Provincial Legislature has both the power and the duty to hold the provincial executive to account. Section 114 (2)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 ("Constitution"), provides.



"The Provincial Legislature must provide for mechanisms – (a) to ensure that all provincial executive organs of state in the province are accountable to it; and (b) to maintain oversight of – (i) the exercise of provincial executive authority in the province, including the implementation of legislation; and (ii) any provincial organ of state."

Section 116 of the Constitution provides that the a provincial legislature or any of its committees may: "(a) summon any person to appear before it to give evidence on oath or affirmation, or to produce documents; (b) require any person or institution to report to it; (c) compel, in terms of national legislation or the rules and orders, any person or institution to comply with a summons or requirement in terms of paragraph (a) or (b); and (d) receive petitions, representations or submissions from any interested persons or institutions."

This constitutional provision is supplemented by section 14 of the Powers, Privileges and Immunities of Parliament and Provincial Legislatures Act, 2004 (Act No. 4 of 2004) which amplifies the powers of the legislature to summons witnesses and also prescribes the content of the summons.

Section 116 of the Constitution provides a provincial legislature may determine and control its internal arrangements, proceedings and procedures

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee are to:

The Ad Hoc committee is to investigate, inquire into, make findings, report and recommend to the Legislature on:

- 4.1Whether attempts were made directly or indirectly to tamper with the recruitment report that was prepared for and on behalf of Naledi Local Municipality which was to be submitted to the MEC for COGTA in respect of the process of recruitment and appointment of the Municipal Manager.
- 4.2. When and by whom were the attempts made to temper with the recruitment report directly or indirectly that was prepared for and on behalf of Naledi Local



Municipality which was to be submitted to the MEC for COGTA in respect of the process of recruitment and appointment of the Municipal Manager.

- 4.3. Whether any member of the North West Provincial Legislature colluded with and/or participated in the attempt to tamper with the recruitment report that was prepared for and on behalf of Naledi Local Municipality directly or indirectly which was to be submitted to the MEC for COGTA in respect of the process of recruitment and appointment of the Municipal Manager.
- 4.4. Whether the conduct of any member of the North West Provincial Legislature in the alleged attempt directly or indirectly to tamper with the recruitment report in respect of the process of recruitment and appointment of the Municipal Manager of Naledi Local Municipality amounts to a serious misconduct or a serious violation of the Constitution or the law.
- 4.5 Provide a report to the Legislature with Findings and Recommendations on or before the 31st of November 2025.
- 4.6 The terms of reference can only be amended by the resolution of the House.

5. SCOPE OF ENQUIRY

The allegations made by the Mayor of Naledi Local Municipality, Councillor Clifton J Groep will inform the Ad Hoc Committee's approach in determining which witnesses to invite.

6. FORMAT OF THE ENQUIRY

The Enquiry must assess the strength of the evidence presented, the veracity and implications of the allegations made by Mayor of Naledi Local Municipality, Councillor Clifton J Groep. The Enquiry by the Ad Hoc Committee must be inquisitorial in nature informed by legislatures' oversight mandate. The rule of law principles of rationality, legality, and procedural fairness shall be observed in the manner in which the Ad Hoc Committee conducts the Enquiry.



The Ad Hoc Committee may utilise the services of external legal counsel in an advisory capacity and to lead evidence and to assist it to carry out its work, subject to adherence to the principles of transparency, where necessary.

Findings shall be grounded in a probative record sufficient for rational legislature recommendations, with reasons recorded.

7. INVITATION OF WITNESSES

The Ad Hoc Committee must invite all relevant persons to submit sworn written statements as witnesses and to thereafter appear before it to answer oral questions, where the Committee deems necessary, and where reasonably possible to do so.

The Committee may invite any interested parties to provide input if they wish to do so. The invitation to witnesses or interested parties must clearly specify the purpose for which the witness is called, and the specific matters the committee wants them to assist the committee with.

In order to safeguard the credibility of the process, and to eliminate the possibility of relying on spurious allegations and to ensure that the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee are solely supported with concrete facts and verified evidence, and to prevent the admission of hearsay or unsubstantiated claims, the following safeguards must be adhered to.

Each witness will be requested to submit a sworn written statement, including any supporting evidentiary documentation, at least 7 working days (excluding weekends and public holidays) prior to the commencement of the testimony, provided that the statement and any evidence is limited to the information contained in the scope of the enquiry.

In the event that an invited witness refuses to submit a sworn statement and/or avail himself or herself as requested, the Committee may use its power of subpoena as provided for in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

Before any witness commence with the giving of evidence, the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee must read to the witnesses the expectation of the Ad Hoc Committee



and the privileges associated with such evidence and must also require the witness to make an oath of affirmation.

8. EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES

The external legal counsel will present the evidence of a witness to the Committee. All members of the Ad Hoc Committee will be given an equal opportunity to pose any further questions to witnesses for a maximum of 15 minutes per member, (where questioning requires such time.

If members of the Ad Hoc Committee are of the view that a certain witness must be recalled for the purpose of answering any further questions, the Ad Hoc Committee may do so by resolution supported by the majority of Members of the Ad Hoc Committee. If the Committee resolves to pose further questions, the Ad Hoc Committee will agree on whether such questions should be posed in writing or whether the identified witness will be invited to provide an oral response.

The external legal counsel shall, subject to the Ad Hoc Committee's approval, determine the extent of the sensitivity and the relevance of any evidence at a given time and whether such evidence will be considered.

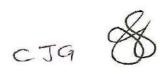
The external legal counsel will consult with witnesses prior to the oral evidence to determine the structure of the presentation of evidence. The Ad Hoc Committee shall determine the sequencing in which witnesses are called to give evidence.

Witnesses to appear under oath or affirmation.

All witnesses (whether attending voluntarily or not) will be requested to take an oath or affirmation.

The oath or affirmation will be administered by the chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee or any other person acting on the instructions of the chairperson.

All witnesses must be informed of the parameters of the Enquiry and must be instructed not to remark on or discuss any matter that is not related to the evidence contained in the scope of the Enquiry.



9. RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION

The witnesses will be allowed to have their own legal assistance at their own cost and/or with the assistance of Legal Aid or any other institution that is legally accredited, if they choose. Witnesses will be allowed to have their legal practitioners with them and, within reason, consult with and take advice from their lawyers.

The Committee will not allow legal practitioners to speak on behalf of their clients at all. The evidence must be given by the witness and not by the legal practitioner.

10. RIGHT TO RESPOND BY ANY IMPLICATED PERSON

Any person who is implicated in the proceedings and against whom the Ad Hoc Committee intends making an adverse finding must be afforded an to address the evidence against him or her. A provisional report must be provided to the implicated person to respond before the report is tabled to the House

If the affected persons have not addressed the said accusations, the Committee will inform them of the accusations and invite them to return, alternatively submit a written reply, to address those accusations.

The Committee may, if it deems it necessary, compel the affected persons to return to answer the accusations against them, whether the affected persons wish to do so or not.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS

The Committee will facilitate, where it is necessary, and through the Speaker's office and the relevant authorities, the protection of witnesses, whistle blowers and the external legal counsel, to ensure that they are protected from retaliation, threats and intimidation. Persons making disclosures and any disclosed information are protected by the Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No. 26 of 2000), and therefore disclosed information including that which may be confidential, classified or sensitive information gathered by the Committee should be handled with the utmost discretion, security and where necessary, kept confidential.

The Ad Hoc Committee, using any resources available to it, shall assess any threats, intimidation, or reprisals directed at potential or actual witnesses, whistle blowers, or



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their associates, in relation to the allegations under investigation and make recommendations for remedial or preventive measures.

12. PREPARATORY WORK BEFORE APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES

In order to prepare for the hearing of any oral evidence, the Ad Hoc Committee may request from any person or representative from any relevant institution, to first provide any relevant information, including but not limited to, documents, reports, and communications that support such oral evidence, in order for the Ad Hoc Committee to review same prior to the hearing of oral evidence.

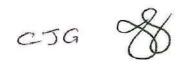
The Committee may also request any reports, external audits, documents, or other information relating to any investigations from the SAPS or any relevant institution that may be available. The Committee may consult with law enforcement experts, governance specialists, and other relevant stakeholders to better understand systemic issues and provide insight into possible solutions. Where necessary the Ad Hoc Committee may visit any relevant place to gather first hand information.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND TRANSPARENCY

Section 118 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 creates an obligation of transparency on the provincial legislature to facilitate public involvement in its committee processes and section 118(2) provides that a provincial legislature may not exclude the public, including the media, from a sitting of a committee, unless it is reasonable and justifiable to do so in an open and democratic society.

The allegations made by the Mayor of Naledi Local Municipality, Councillor Clifton J Groep were made in public and therefore the public is anticipating to know how the allegations were resolved. Reasonable opportunity must be offered to members of the public and all interested parties to be informed of the work of the Committee.

Meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee must be held in open and be broadcast on Legislature's social media channels. However, the Ad Hoc Committee may sit in camera where necessary to protect the safety of witnesses and the integrity of ongoing



investigations where appropriate. Closed sessions will only be permitted as an exception following an application by an interested party to the chairperson.

14. VENUE FOR MEETINGS

Committee meetings will be held physically within the Legislature precinct or any other suitable venue to be determined by the chairperson. Where necessary, and for purposes of accommodating persons who are witnesses and who are unable to physically attend meetings due to exceptional circumstances, on written application to the chairperson and on approval by the committee, those witnesses, may be accommodated by attending the meeting virtually.

16. PROTECTION OF WITNESSES AND CONFIDENTIALITY

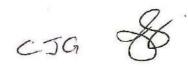
The Committee shall, where applicable, act in accordance with the Witness Protection Act, 1998 (Act No. 112 of 1998), and the Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No. 26 of 2000), and relevant international best practice on the protection of persons providing evidence before public bodies. The Committee acknowledges the protections afforded by the various privileges, including, but not limited to legal privilege, and shall ensure that any rights thereto are upheld.

17. ENSURING CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION.

The Ad Hoc Committee must ensure that any confidential, classified, and/or sensitive information documents will be placed in a safe under the custodianship of the Secretary to the which is equipped with two different locks. One key will be held by the Speaker and the other by the Secretary to Legislature.

The Committee acknowledges that its members will require the authority of the chairperson of the Committee, in writing, to gain access to any confidential, classified, and/or sensitive information, and that such access will be limited to set block times in which the requesting members will have access to such documents.

The Committee further acknowledges that only full – not alternate or co-opted – members of the Ad Hoc Committee may access such documents. The Ad Hoc Committee further acknowledges that on entering the venue wherein such



documentation is stored, members must identify themselves, sign a register, and record their time of entering and leaving the venue and that no member will be permitted to remove any such documents from the venue.

The Serjeant-at-Arms will always be present in the viewing venue while the documents are inspected by members, and a representative of the SAPS may be stationed outside the venue for additional security. No member will be permitted to enter the venue with any cameras, mobile phones, recording instruments or other devices.

Furthermore, members are cautioned that the contents of the documents cannot be disclosed to any person, copied or reproduced in any form, and that any disclosure will amount to a breach of parliamentary privilege and contempt of the Legislature. Any suspected or actual breach of security regarding confidential, classified or sensitive information must be reported immediately to the Secretary to the Legislature the National Intelligence Agency.

18. TIME FRAMES

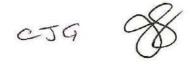
The Ad Hoc Committee must submit a report to the Legislature on or before the 31 of November 2025. The timeframes may be amended or extended by the decision of the Speaker or resolution of the Legislature on request by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee shall adopt an action plan with time lines to ensure the timeous completion of the Ad Hoc Committee's report to the Legislature.

19. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANS OF STATE

The Committee may refer matters to the appropriate authorities for further investigation without purporting to determine criminal liability and without presuming any person to be guilty of committing any crime as this is the function of the courts of law.

20. SUPPORT STAFF TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

A dedicated team of officials designated by the Secretary to the Legislature, will support the Ad Hoc Committee under the direction of the chairperson.



The Legislature will appoint external legal counsel, who is suitably qualified and have expertise in such matters to assist with collecting, organising and presenting evidence, subject to the Ad Hoc Committee's direction at all times. The format for the questioning of witnesses will be determined by the Ad Hoc Committee. The use of external legal counsel will in no way limit the right of Members of the Ad Hoc Committee not to put questions to any witness, provided that such questions form part of the scope of the Enquiry.

21. RECOMMENDATION ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

It is recommended that proposed that the Speaker must act in line with Rule 187 of the Standing Rules of the Legislature, which provides that the Speaker, after consultation with the Leaders of represented parties, appoints Members for an Ad Hoc committee on nomination by the Parties and Independent Members, to carry out a particular assignment as specified by the House or the Speaker.

The Ad Hoc Committee must be composed of 7 Members distributed across the parties as follows:-

- ANC- 4 Members one of whom must be the Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee,
- EFF-1 Member
- DA -1 Member
- MKP, FF Plus and Action SA 1 Member agreed to between the 3 parties.

After obtaining the names from the represented parties, the Speaker must publish the names of the Members in the Announcement, Tabling and Committee Reports (ATC) Journal.

22. CONCLUSION

The report is tabled before this august House for consideration and adoption.

Hon N Oliphant



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Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Premier and Finance

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Hon K Makgokgowa

Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

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SESSION WITH NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

HON. Z. MKHIKE: Welcome Naledi Local Municipality. Welcome Gentleman. You have five minutes to introduce yourselves and, in the process, you will also then give us an update on your report on your Municipality. You may as well in the process just indicate if there is a shortage of gender parity in your Municipality so that we can take that into consideration. Thank you, you may proceed.

MAYOR C.J. GROEP: Thank you Chairperson. Good afternoon, goeie midag. My naam is Clifton Fanis Groep, die Burgermeester van Naledi Munisipaliteit.

SPEAKER P. GULANE: Good afternoon Chairperson and let me also pass the greetings to the Portfolio Committee Members. My name is Clir Pitso Gulane, the Speaker of Naledi Local Municipality.



MR. G. BUTJIE: Good afternoon Honourable Members. My name is Gabriel Butjie, Director Corporate Services.

MR. K. MARUPING: Afternoon Honourable Members and all protocols observed. Kagiso Maruping, the Chief Financial Officer of Naledi Local Municipality.

MR. M.T. SEGAPO: Good afternoon all. My name is Modisenyane Thompson Segapo, the Municipal Manager of Naledi Local Municipality. Thank you Chair.

MAYOR C.J. GROEP: Chairperson, thank you for this opportunity. I don't want to paint of a perfect Municipality. We had a lot of challenges when we took office, there was a culture of non-payment, of third party's creditors, but we managed to put on control measures currently, the Municipality is billing R22million. We are collecting in average R18million plus, but on what we bill but with people paying arrears, we end up at R28million per month.

Third party like I said, was not paid like your pension funds from 2017 to 2021. It happened due to low collection of revenue but we have arranged with all the pension funds and third parties, there is a payment arrangement in place.

Our audit outcome when we took over office in 2021, we got a disclaimer, then went to adverse, now we are at qualified. That is a Municipality that is working in progress.

What we have also done is that we have recruited capable officials to help us with record keeping, we have improved and we hope to even get a better outcome.

On the post audit action plan, we have a detailed action plan in place. Its implemented and its implementing in such a way that addresses the issues raised by the AG. We have also been doing reconciliation. We are now done on a monthly basis and is signed off by the responsible official.

Our AFS is being prepared and we hope that with what we have submitted that we will get a better audit outcome. The unauthorised irregular and fruitless expenditure non-investigation, why it was not investigated, MPAC refereed the report back because of the incompleteness



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of the opening balances since 2016/17 financial year because the report did not also indicate the responsible officials. Once the investigation is done, consequence management will apply. We have also seen that there was a misuse of deviation forms, the MM has stopped and started the investigation to identify those who have abused the deviation forms.

We have also applied to be part of the ESKOM debt relief. Although we are not keeping up with all the conditions, but currently for a period of not being able to apply ESKOM, we have paid R105million to ESKOM and we want to maintain this culture of third parties and the ESKOM debt which is the elephant in the room.

The Municipality has been placed under financial recovery. We have a competent, very good FRP that is assisting the Municipality.

We have applied for smart meter roll-out to the tune of R52million. We were the first Municipality to successfully implement and hopefully this will help us increase our revenue collection.

We have also instructed the Municipal Manager to deduct money from municipal officials that are owing the Municipality and we are seeing the fruits of collecting from staff members that where in arrears with the Municipality. Also, the same applies to Counsellors. I have written a letter to the MM and instructed that Counsellors should come and make arrangements and monies will also be deducted from Counsellors who are also owing the Municipality.

To improve revenue collection, the biggest settlement which is Huhudi, who was on a percentage of 4% in terms of paying for rates and services, we handed some of those who are able to pay to the lawyers, we can report that we are now standing at a more than 50% of people paying for services in Huhudi which is the biggest settlements in Naledi.

Government Departments, they know, some of them they owe us but we have arrangements with them and they are paying us as the CFO will later explain. The sad part is we have an unfunded budget, but we have budget funding plan in place with clear targets. There is a action plan in place and we hope that with all these interventions that the Municipality is implementing we will turn the corner.



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We have also started selling land. Currently we are standing at R9million that we raised through the sale of land which was serviced by the Department of Human Settlements which we are very grateful for and we hope that after the servitude is registered by the District, the township register will be open and the people will want to rush and buy a piece of land. This is basically the short story of Naledi. I wanted paint a picture of where we where and where we are going. Thank you, Chairperson.

HON. Z. MIKHIZE: Do you have questions Members? Alright. Let's start there and come this way.

HON. : Thank you Chair. I would like to ask the indication of the quantum of the amounts owed to the Municipality. You did say that the collections are not all there. And the recovery plan also, I don't know if you might put a timeframe on it, because I think it is very critical. It just not open-ended. Thank you Chair.

HON. Z. MKHIZE: Can we have, yes Labuschagne.

HON. LABUSCHAGNE: Thank you very much Chair. My first question is what is the number of paid staffs on your payroll versus your organogram and then the second and the last one, new electricity tariffs has been calculated in blocks or step tariffs as we know. It seems as if a secrete first bracket has been added which actually comes down to the basic charge that was apparently not approved by the Council. It also seems as if the MAYCO Member wrote a letter to the CFO in this regard. Can you give us a little bit on that and whether it has been passed and whether what the effect of that would be on the residents? Thank you.

Can I just check, did you hear what the question is? It is fine. Let's proceed.



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HON. VAN ZYE: Thank you so much en dankie dat jy bietjie Afrikaans praat Meyer, my Engels is amper al op.

How much of your operating budget are you spending on salaries, percentage wise and then also have you paid performance bonuses in the last five years to your Section 56 and MM. your collection rate, it was difficult, you jumped from area to area, your actual collection rate in percentage. Then, are you, linked to that, are you mSCOA compliant, have you been able to integrate properly into being mSCOA compliant and do you bill residents accurately on a monthly basis without interim readings or was it mostly interim readings. Then when will the Directors of corporate and community services be filled. I understand there are vacancies, I don't know if they have been filled. How long have they been vacant? What is happening with the position of MM being challenged in the High Court. I don't know if that is why you have got sun glasses on MM. so I can't see your eyes. Was it found to be illegal and what will now happen. So, we could just have some clarity on the MM's appointment being challenged. Thank you.

HON. Z. MKHIZE: May we get the responses.

Thank you, Chairperson. I am going to allow the CFO because most of the questions are for him and the MM. I will deal with the appointment of the Municipal Manager.

MR. K. MARUPING: Thanks again Honourable Members. The question of sector departments, how much they owe the Municipality. All of them combined, they owe the Municipality R35million and what we have done as a means of collecting, we have written to both the Department of COGTA and Provincial Treasury to seek intervention and that has also yielded results because the letters that we have written to the Department, we where offering and interest write-off and also it was a form of data cleansing because we had historical issues on the outstanding schedules that where not sent by the Department to allocate payments.



We have had several meetings with the Department of Health, on their accounts because it is the most owed one, which is standing at R19million. So that is the one that is most owed and that we have been engaging.

On the issue of FRP; FRP programme is a programme that comes through as a result of Section 139 and is a programme that takes three years, depending on the Provincial Legislature's improvement in terms of the rescue and sustainability process.

In terms of the staff compliment, I will leave it to the director Corporate Services.

The basic charge issue; we are required by law to apply for tariff implementation with NERSA. We submitted our application to NERSA, and NERSA approved our R10 basic charge to that effect.

On the issue of salary bill, our salary bill is at 39% calculated together with that of the councillors in terms of the FR ratios.

The collection rate that we are at; we are at 75% in terms of collections. This improvement came as a result of handing over of accounts to the lawyers and also the incentive that we have provided to the community.

Municipality, we are mSCOA compliant in terms of the system, but however, there are other issues that are still attending to in line with the circulars that are issues out by the Provincial Treasury.

On the issues of the billing Chairperson, I must concur that we have an issue of historical backlog in terms of our billing where we find that at some point we are billing people that are deceased, people are not coming through to update the data accuracy we are still doing it also attending to it on a case to case. There was an advert that we issued that relates to unallocated deposits where people would pay, we could not trace the money. The policy allows us to advertise for two months before we can write it off and we are dealing with a backlog that comes as far as 2016/17 and the advert ran on the Stellalander Newspaper. I don't want to call local, but also because they have a website, they are international and national.

In terms of the vacancy rate; I will give it to the accounting officer. I think those are the issues that the Members have raised from my side.



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The MM will augment.

MR. M.T. SEGAPO:

Thank you Honourable Members.

HON. Z. MKHIZE:

Sorry, did you explain the glasses?

MR. M.T. SEGAPO:

It is prescription glasses. I would never wear sunglasses in your

committee meeting.

HON. Z. MKHIZE:

We were just interested.

MR. M.T. SEGAPO:

No No, it is prescription glasses.

HON. Z. MKHIZE:

I didn't say stop them. You just do look smarter, I must say.

MR. M.T. SEGAPO: Thank you Chairperson. Chairperson, the filling of positions, 100% of senior positions where filled, but unfortunately Chairperson, we lost a director from the first of this month to Masilonyana Local Municiaplity, Ms. Excinia Makgahlela resigned and took a job offer back home in Brandfort, Winburg, Masilonyana Local Municipality. A vacancy has been declared in Council. The recruitment of Director Community Services will start anew. Chair, there was also an impression that the Director Corporate Services is vacant; no, Mr Butjie is the substantive permanent Director, Corporate Services.

Thank you very much.

HON. Z. MKHIZE:

...can you, that's fine, whilst you proceed, share it, share it with us.





MAYOR C.J. GROEP: Mr Appolus mentioned that he was visited by four people and in was surprised that he was brave to mention that certain Member of this House went to his farm and was asked to temper with the original report. I am mentioning the four right now...

HON. DR Z. MKHIZE: Member of the Legislature

MAYOR C.J. GROEP: Member of the Legislature Mr Appolus is mentioning, that the Honourable Premier, Mr Mokgosi and three REC Members, Doreen Mariri, Bux Mathonsi and Boy-Boy Sejake went to him to alter the report that was submitted to the MEC's Office.

Now this case has been clearly, now you can see is been based on lies, it was fabricated, the MEC was misled, fraud was committed. As we sit here, the case is at SCA, Honourable Chairperson, but we have since. In the letter, maybe I must also make mentioned, I was called by a member of parliament from the EFF, Mr Mothusi Montwedi, asking myself as the Mayor to please withdraw the case from the SCA because, he said the Advocate has not being paid, that he has recommended to the Premier for this case

HON. Z. MKHIZE: Just hold on, that is what, I note your hand, I note your hand. I would want us to do it that way. Now, before we proceed to that level, I would like to just deal with the issues that were raised so that we will then close the issues that relate to the general issues of governance that we wanted to deal with. Then after that we would want to have the, to confer amongst ourselves on this matter. Now, let me then deal with those issues and we would come back to this matter.

I think the issues here that we are interested in are the issues of financial management which there are serious issues about, you have indicated that you see improvement, debt management, Eskom, third party, I think all of these has to be looked at in the context of



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managing the audit action plan, which you say is being implemented, so we would have to continue with that.

Then the issues of concern to this Joint Committee are those of the creation or the effectiveness of the MPAC and the issues of the investigation of the UIFW, which you believe you will need to work closely together with the MEC's to make sure that we accelerate the processes of investigation. Linked to that would be the issue of consequence management, and that we need reports to see how that is being dealt with.

The issue of implementation of the financial recovery plan has to continue, the issue of the correction of unfunded budget has to continue, and then the issue of the debt owed to municipalities should then also be handled by the MEC to work and in support with the municipality.

What we haven't really heard much about are the specific general, are the general service delivery issues, issues of water, sanitation, electricity, roads and other infrastructure. We would like to get continuous reports of updates at that level.

So, from that perspective I would want us to deal with the issues up to that point, then we will come back to this issue so that we can find the way forward.

Ok, do you have a question? No, wait, wait, you have a question, there is a mic there, no mic.

HON. STEYL: Thank you Chairperson. I think this is not a contestation of space or anything, but as Members of the Provincial Legislature, both the Premier and the MEC, Member of the Executive are directly accountable to us. And we have participated in this meeting for two days now, we are also hearing the evidence, and as Members are permitted to participate.



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I do think, and this is, again I want to stress, not a contestation for space, but I do feel that as Members of the Legislature, as Members of Parliament we should be allowed to consider this matter. Thank you.

HON. Z. MKHIZE: Yes, I think you should be allowed. But I would like us to separate the Houses. You will go with the Speaker of the Provincial Assembly, have your own discussion, we will have the National Assembly Members, have our discussion, we will then come back and confer notes, briefly we may have the same or different approaches.

But my request, we can't discuss this together. And I also think we need to break and get the rest of the Members not to be part of the conversation. I would suggest that the Premier and the MEC be not part of this whole discussion. And the champion can go to Kagisano Molopo and wait for us there.

But, thank you very much. For now, we will take 15 minutes break, then, just hold on, wait, wait. Yes, we will do a 15 minutes break. Alright, we will jut get the breakaway room, so we know which way to go, the Speaker will help us with that.

Yes Honourable Member.

HON. MOEMA: Thanks Chair. I was just checking what must now happen with the municipality because I think they made submissions, they are obviously expecting a sort of a feedback or engagement in the minutes. So, ...[INTERRUPTION]...

HON. Z. MKHIZE: I haven't dismissed them, I only just said we finished one part of the matter.



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HON. MOEMA: Ok, thanks.

HON. Z. MKHIZE: Alright. We are about twenty, not more.

- -- SESSION ADJOURNED FOR 15 MINUTES-
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HON. Z. MKHIZE:the Members outside, and please invite Naledi Municipality to come and sit in the front row so we can close the issues. Honourable Members, please ask everyone outside to come back. Can we invite Naledi to come back?

Honourable Members, lets proceed. Now, just a brief report now that we've back. We took a break and it might have taken longer that we initially thought. The issues of Naledi Municipality we had concluded on all the issues that are more the admin governance type of issues and we just took a break to consider the allegations that has made by the Mayor, Advocate Groep. So, the allegations are to the effect that the causation of the case that was taken by Members of the Council of Naledi and some managers where part of the case in Court has been reported by one of the participants as having originated form undue interference, that the alleged was occasioned by a visit by the Premier to one of the members who took to court.

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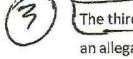
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Thank you, Honourable Chair.

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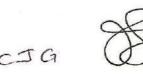


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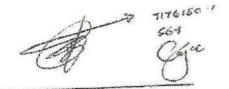
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I certify that this Affidavit was signed and sworn to before me at the state of the contents of the declaration, that he had no objection to taking the prescribed oath and has taken the prescribed oath which he considered binding on his conscience, having complied with the regulations contained in Government Notice R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended.



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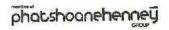
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Fourth Appellant

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Fifth Appellant

and

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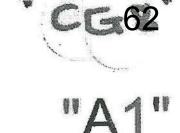
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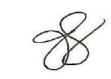
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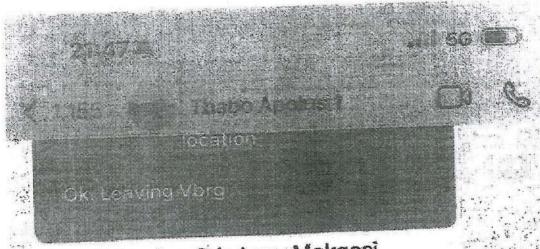
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AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned

CLIFTON JOHN GROEP

- 1. I am:
 - 1.1 a male of full legal capacity;
 - 1.2 the duly elected Mayor of the Naledi Local Municipality currently in office in that capacity.
- The facts contained in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge unless it appears otherwise from the context herein, and are to the best of my belief, both true and correct.
- I have personal knowledge of the facts of the matter by virtue of the events that I depose below in this affidavit.
- Pursuant to a recruitment process that was initiated on 23 October 2022 the Naledi Local Municipality appointed Modisenyane Segapo as its municipal manager.
- 5. This was done on the 10th of March 2023.



- 6. On the 15th of March 2023 Thabo Appolus, the Director Corporate Services of the municipality along with three counsellors of the Naledi Council being Lerato Sethlake, Lebogang Jacobs and Vuyiswa Morakile filed an urgent application under case number UM53/2023 in the North West Division of the High Court Mmabatho.
- 7. They sought to have the appointment of Mr Segapo reviewed and set aside.
 The council of the Naledi Local Municipality along with the speaker of the counsel GC Gulane, Mr Segapo and myself opposed the urgent application.
- On the 24th of March 2023 Justice Reid who heard the application struck the application for lack of urgency.
- 9. I pause to point out that a copy of the report in respect of the recruitment and appointment of Mr Segapo was served on the office of the Member of the Executive Committee for Co-operative Government of the North West Legislature on the same day being the 24th of March 2023.
- 10. On the 2nd of May 2023 the MEC, PDM Maloyi addressed a letter to me dated the 11th of April 2023, which was electronically transmitted to me, in response to the report that was served on his office under a covering letter dated 23 March 2023 which was duly signed by myself. I attach the MEC's letter hereto marked Annexure "CG1".



- 11. In the letter the MEC confirmed that the process was compliant in all respects but one, being the requirement that interviews must be been conducted within 21 days of screening.
- 12. The MEC claimed that the interviews were only conducted with the successful candidates including Mr Segapo after a total of 44 days had lapsed.
- The MEC confirmed that Mr Segapo was compliant in respect of his qualifications and competency profile.
- 14. I point out that this letter was signed on the 26th of April 2023.
- 15. In terms of the Municipal Systems Act, the MEC was obligated to respond to the appointment of Mr Segapo within 14 days of having received the report in respect of the appointment if he had any reservations regarding the appointment.
- 16. The Municipal Systems Act is clear that the MEC can only exercise his authority to have to the appointment reviewed and set aside if:
 - 16.1 He is of the opinion that the process was not compliant and/or;
 - 16.2 The preferred candidate does not hold the minimum requirements to be appointed;



- 16.3 The Naledi Council refused to review and set aside the appointment despite the MEC having advised the municipality to do so.
- I responded comprehensively to the content of the MEC's letter. I attached a copy of my letter to the MEC, marked as Annexure "CG2".
- 18. In my response I again attached the relevant supporting documents in support of the specific responses in my letter even though these documents formed part of the report that was hand delivered to the MEC's office.
- 19. I wish to specifically deny that interviews were only conducted after 44 days had lapsed after the screening of the candidates who applied were completed.
- 20. On the 28th of May 2025 the MEC Moloyi again addressed a letter to me expressing his "disappointment" regarding the content of my response to him. He further claimed that my letter "translates into a completely new report to the recruitment process of the municipal manager". He then requested reasons why a comprehensive report was not submitted from the onset as required.

Mr Thabo Sejake, an assistant manager in the Occupational Health and Safety Department of the Naledi Local Municipality in an affidavit claimed that he attended a meeting in Ganyesa at the house of Mr Thabo Appolus, the former Director Corporate Services of Naledi Local Municipality on the



2nd of April 2023 where the current premier of the North West Province, Mr Lazy Mokgosie was also present and in possession of Mr Segapo's curriculum vitae, a checklist for the recruitment process of the municipal manager at the municipality, Mr Segapo's academic records and qualifications and all other supporting documents that formed part of Mr Segapo's application for the post of municipal manager.

It is impossible to know whether the MEC in fact had sight of the report that was hand delivered to his office nor, if he indeed had sight whether it was before or after the 2nd of April 2023. Mr Segapo's documents as listed herein above could only have been in the possession of Mr Mokgosi if they were removed or copied from the report that was submitted to the MEC's office.

- 21. I again responded through our attorneys of record and indeed confirmed that a comprehensive report was indeed served on his office on the 24th of March 2023.
- 22. Screening was conducted on the 11th of November 2023.
- 23. On the 18th of November 2022 MIE: Personal Credential Verification Report in respect of all the candidates were received. The report in fact evidences the fact that the data reflected in the report were capture on the 17th of November 2022.
- 24. On the 8th of June 2023 Mr Appolus and his co-applicants served a supplementary Notice of Motion, Notice of Intention to Amend the Notice of



motion and supplementary affidavit deposed to by Mr Appolus on the attorneys of record for the Naledi Local Municipal Counsil, the Speaker of the Council, Mr Gulane, the municipal manager, Mr Segapo and myself.

25. In the affidavit Mr Appolus inter alia avers as follows:

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- 2. This is a Supplementary Affidavit in support of the supplementation of the Notice of Motion. This amendment has been necessitated by the events which overtook the relief sought in this application since the matter was struck off from the roll on the 24th of March 2023.
- 3. Pursuant to the decision by the MEC not to second the appointment of the 6th Respondent as the municipal manager of the 1st Respondent, it has become necessary to seek a specific order declaring the appointment of the 6th Respondent to be unlawful and to set it aside.
- 4. This affidavit thus seeks to appraise the court on the events which took place since the matter was struck off from the roll and why the matter must be treated as urgent at this point.

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- 5. This matter came before Madam Justice Reid on the 24th of March 2023. The 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents contended that the application had been instituted prematurely in light of the following factors:
 - 5.1 That the statutory remedy where a person has been appointed in violation of the Act lies with section 54

 A of the Act.
 - 5.2 Section 54 A provides that the Municipal Council must inform the MEC for Local Government the appointment process and outcome within 14 days of such appointment.
 - 5.3 It was contended further that upon submission of such a report to the MEC, the MEC may take appropriate steps to ensure compliance which includes seeking a declaratory order from the hounourable court.
 - The aforesaid Respondents submitted that the Council had just submitted the report to the MEC who was yet to exercise his statutory mandate and further that the relief sought was thus premature.
- 7. It is in light of this argument that the court struck the matter from the roll. Pursuant to this, on or about the 11th of April 2023, the MEC made a decision in terms of the Act to the effect that the appointment had not complied with



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the Act and hence it was not supported. A copy of the letter is annexed hereto as Annexure "HH1".

9. It is also important to note that the MEC erred in finding the 6th Respondent had the requisite qualifications to be appointed as a Municipal Manager. As appears from the report the 6th Respondent holds Biuris decree. This is not an equivalent of LLB and neither is it listed as one of the qualifications required for one to be appointed which makes the 6th Respondent to have been ineligible for appointment as the Municipal Manager."

I attach copies of the Motions and Affidavit hereto marked as Annexures "CG3", "CG4" and "CG5".

- 26. The urgent applicant was then argued again on the 27th of July 2023 after Justice Reid ruled that the matter was indeed urgent.
- 27. On the 19th of September 2023 Justice Reid delivered judgment and *inter alia* ordered the setting aside of Mr Segapo's appointment as municipal manager and that the recruitment process for the appointment of a new municipal manager be conducted *de novo*.
- 28. I re-iterate that the recruitment process was started on the 23rd of October 2022 when the advertisement for the appointment of a municipal manager was published in a national Sunday newspaper.



- 29. After applications were received, screening of the applicants were done on the 11th of November 2022 and the report was received by Naledi Local Municipality on the 18th of November 2022.
- 30. On the 22nd of November 2022 the applicants that were shortlisted for interviews were indeed interviewed. I believe that all the candidates who were interviewed will indeed confirmed that the interviews will conduct on the 22nd of November 2022.
- 31. It is therefore clear that the interviews were conducted only 30 days after the recruitment process was started.
- 32. Mr Segapo was appointed as municipal manager pursuant to a council meeting on the 10^{th} of March 2023.
- 33. On the 2nd of April 2023 Mr Appolus completely out of the blue sent a WhatsApp message to Mr Segapo.
- 34. In the message Mr Appolus made the following shocking revelations:

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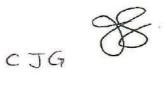
Provincial Chairperson. Stay tuned....."

I attach copies of the screenshots, marked Annexures "CG6" and CG"7".

- Thabo Sejake who is named by Appolus as one of the people who attended the meeting of the 2nd of April 2023 at his house in Ganyesa, in fact deposed to an affidavit in which he confirmed not only that the meeting took place but that Mr Lazy Mokgosi sought to discredit Mr Segapo's appointment, solicited Appolus's assistance to try and find anything that could assist in ensuring that Mr Segapo's appointment is reviewed and set aside and that Mr Mokgosi in the process received telephonic advise from a legal representative on how the urgent application that had been struck off from the roll on the 24th of March 2023 would be re-instated and reargued on the basis that the MEC would not have concurred on the appointment of Mr Segapo as municipal manager. I attach a copy of Sejake's affidavit, marked Annexure "CG8".
- 36. I hasten to point out that the MEC's letter was only sent to me on the 2nd of May 2023, a full month after the abovementioned meeting.
- 37. It is clear that Mr Mokgosi ultimately achieved his goal in having the matter re-enrolled and re-argued on the basis of the content of the letter of the MEC dated 11 April 2023 but signed 26 April 2023.



- 38. I humbly point out that it is no co-incidence that Mr Appolus and his coapplicants had the urgent application re-enrolled and re-argued exactly how Mr Sejake explained in his affidavit, Mr Mokgosi planned to do.
- 39. Mr Appolus in fact made a claim in his WhatsApp that Mr Mokgosi misled MEC Maloyi "hence Naledi is where it is today".
- 40. It is clear that not only MEC Maloyi was deceived and misled but also Justice Reid as the allegations by both Mr Sejake and Mr Appolus was not disclosed in Mr Appolus's supplementary affidavit used in support of the re-enrolment of the urgent application on the 8th of June 2025.
- 41. It will in fact appear that the Department of Co-operative Gardens Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs had prepared an internal legal opinion advising that there was no procedural or a substantive irregularity in respect of the appointment of Mr Segapo.
- 42. This legal opinion was deliberately withheld and never made available or shared with either Naledi Local Municpality, Mr Gulande, Mr Segapo, the Hight Court or myself.
- 43. It is inconceivable that Justice Reid would have found in favour of Appolus and his co-applicants had she been aware of the allegations made by Mr Appolus and Mr Sejake as stated herein above.
- 44. It is clear that Mr Mogosi conspired with at the very least Mr Appolus if not all the people named by both Appolus and Sejake as attendees of the



meeting on 2 April 2023 to commit fraud and to subvert the cause of justice and in the process, Mr Appolus prejudged himself.

45. I request that a case docket be opened and that the allegations contained herein be fully investigated and that anyone mentioned herein be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law in the event that the investigation reveals that they were complicit in the commission of whatever crimes.

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Subject: REVIEW CASE NO 62/09/2025

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Brigadier G. Moos;

I laid a criminal complaint in the above matter, supported by affidavits from an eye witness. Though the case was opened at Ganyesa Police Station, it was correctly referred to the DPCI given the nature of the crime as well seniority of public representatives involved as suspects.

Inexplicably, the matter was sent back to Ganyesa Police Station its complexity and seriousness notwithstanding. I may be wrong but I see this as an attempt to defeat the ends of justice, have the matter dealt with recklessly and derail the criminal complaint to protect suspects involved because of their seniority in the NWPG.

I insist that this matter be treated with the seriousness and delicacy it deserves and be returned to the relevant investigative authority which is clothed with the requisite resources, wherewithal and capacity, with all due respect to the Ganyesa police officials.

Should your office not support me as a complainants I shall not hesitate to escalate this matter to DPCI Head Office and all relevant structures in the criminal justice system cluster.

Respectfully,

Modisenyane Thompson Segapo

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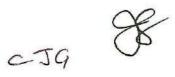
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I, the undersigned,

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hereby make oath and say:

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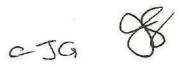
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I have read the founding affidavit deposed to by, C J GROEP and confirm



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by the abovemention the contents of this a against taking the p	affidavit has been sworn to and signed before me at on this the life day of November 7000 and deponent who declared that he is acquainted with a fidavit and understands same, that he has no objection escribed oath and considers the said oath as binding on the oath was properly taken by me, as required by law.
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the contents thereof in so far as is relates to me, as true and correct.

