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RE: MNGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY ARRESTS

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Neville Watts, Themba Zungu, Alpha Shelembe and Lealonono Cyprian Lucky Moloji were arrested this morning by the Directorate of Special Operation (DSO-Scorpions). Information received linked them with some activities that became subject of Scorpions investigations involving Mngungundlovu District Council.

They appeared before the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court on charges of fraud, corruption and money laundering. Allegations include use of large sums of money to influence people in the sale of property.

Three of the accused persons were the employees of the Mngungundlovu District Municipality, whilst the other one was a private property agent.

In one property deal that was a subject of investigation, the accused persons set out to inflate the purchase price of property by R 1 million, which went to, and was shared by them. We allege they were in positions of authority and trust and that the money was not legally due to them.

Bail was fixed at R5 000 for each accused and the case has been postponed to 27 May 2008 at the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court.

The Scorpions received information and initiated an investigation in February 2008 resulting in the arrests made today. The team is confident that more arrests will effected soon.

Enquires: Tlali Tlali

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