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RE: THE NATIONAL PROSECUTING AUTHORITY'S AFU OBTAINED A PRESERVATION ORDER PRESERVING LAND THAT BELONGS TO THE MAHIKENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY VALUED AT NEARLY R144 MILLION

On 11 June 2015, the North West High Court sitting at Mahikeng granted the AFU a Preservation Order in terms of Section 38 of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act to attach land as well as blocks of Flats valued at nearly R144 million situated in central Mafikeng.

The investigations by the Anti-Corruption Task Team (ACTT) under DPCI revealed that a private company called Hawks Landing Pty Ltd which subsequently became liquidated had 23 Erfs unlawfully transferred to its name. At the time of the transfer they had not paid the municipality a cent of the agreed purchase price of R144 million. The Company (Hawks Landing) only paid the Mafikeng Local Municipality an amount of R5, 000,000.00 in 2009 after the land was transferred to its name and no further payments were made since. Some of the Erfs have now been sold off to companies whose directors and shareholders were directors and shareholders of Hawks Landing when the transfer of the land took place. Other Erfs were found to be dissipating.

The land on which Curro School is built and the uncompleted flats adjacent to the Mmabatho stadium have also become subject to this investigation because the investigations also reveal that these flats were built on unlawfully obtained land and a questionable contract with the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA).

It is alleged that some of the directors of Hawks Landing have remained in control of this land which is approximately 93 hectares to date and even after liquidation by transferring the Erfs to different companies in which they have interests. The criminal investigation is

in progress. According to the Preservation Order this land will remain under the control of a curator appointed by the high court until such time that a Forfeiture Order has been obtained by the AFU.

Kind Regards,

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