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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LATCHMAN'S R23 MILLION ASSETS SEIZED**

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On Wednesday, 06 May 2009, the Johannesburg Office of the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) executed a restraint order obtained on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009, against the former Salaries Accountant of Omnia Holdings (Pty) Ltd, Danalutcmee Latchman and her immediate family members, to freeze and restrain assets to the value of over R23 million.

The successful freezing of their assets was the result of the joint initiatives of the Specialised Commercial Crimes Unit of the South African Police Service and the AFU.

It is alleged that Latchman stole funds to this value over a period of time from Omnia Holdings (Pty) Ltd. Latchman used her accounts and those of her immediate family members and their businesses to deposit the stolen funds. The defrauded monies were used to pay for personal expenses including bond accounts and to finance their liquor businesses in Lenasia, south of Johannesburg.

Latchman, her husband and daughter were arrested and have been charged



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with fraud and/or theft and money laundering in the Johannesburg Specialised Commercial Crimes Court. They are due to appear in court again on 23 June 2009.

The assets placed under restraint include: five fixed properties in Lenasia, three liquor businesses, being Zakes Liquor Wholesalers (Pty) Ltd, Zakes Disco and Zakes Liquor Depot (Pty) Ltd, and Zakes Liquor Lenasia South (Pty) Ltd, 13 motor vehicles which include a SAAB motor vehicle, a Toyota Landcruiser, a Toyota RAV4 and a BMW 3-series. Furthermore, 18 bank accounts and the sum of R650 000, that was used to pay for bail, was also restrained.

Our agencies of State responsible for law enforcement remain vigilant and will make every effort to ensure that anyone who commits crime is not allowed to benefit from it.

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