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**RE : NPA SEIZES PROPERTY IN NORTHEN CAPE GOVT
TENDER FRAUD CASE**

The Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) in the NPA, with the assistance of a Court-appointed curator, today seized property belonging to John Block, his company Chisane Investments, Daniel Madyo, Daniel Gabarone, Hamed Shabir, Faima Shahzad and Sanjey Mitha. This was after Acting Judge Jacky Hendricks in the Northern Cape High Court granted the AFU a restraint order against realizable property to the value of R112 million in terms of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act on 12 November 2010.

These include both immovable and movable property belonging to the accused including five (5) houses, eighteen (18) vehicles and several business interests in four business entities belonging to Mr Block. The estimated value of the property is R30 million.

They are currently facing charges ranging from corruption, fraud, money laundering and contravention of the Public Finance Management Act after being arrested by members of the South African Police Service. Their criminal case was postponed to 18 March 2011 after they were released on bail. They relate to flouting of supply chain management and procurement procedures by officials in the Northern Cape Provincial Department of Health. The Intaka Holdings (Pty) Ltd (Intaka) and its

subsidiary companies had fraudulently and corruptly secured tenders with the Department of Health in Northern Cape for the supply of water purification plants for the use in provincial hospitals

The arrests, court appearances and asset forfeiture applications are the results of an intensive joint operation between the Hawks unit of the SAPS, the National Treasury and National Prosecuting Authority.

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