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TO: ALL MEDIA

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RE: Witnesses served subpoenas in Selebi investigation

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The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) has taken note of recent reports in the media regarding the investigation into Mr Jackie Selebi.

Although the NPA does not normally comment on ongoing investigations, it does wish to clarify some aspects of the investigation to avoid confusion.

Firstly, the NPA can confirm that it applied recently for subpoenas in terms of section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act for purposes of finalising outstanding aspects of the investigation. The subpoenas relate to persons from whom cooperation is sought, and they have been served on them.

The NPA will not provide the names of such persons as it believes that it is their prerogative to do so.

The NPA also denies strongly the suggestion that the acting National Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Mokotedi Mpshe, ever ordered a review of the subpoenas.

Without commenting on this particular case, the NPA wishes to point out that it is quite proper for the NDPP to furnish the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development with reports as provided in section 33 of the NPA Act. On such occasions the NDPP may be accompanied by members of his staff.

The NPA remains committed to commencing with trial on 14 April 2009 as the case has already been placed on the roll of the Johannesburg High court.

The NPA will not comment on the other inaccuracies in the media reports.

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