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**PROCLAMATION NO. R. 28 OF 2019**

by the  
**PRESIDENT of the REPUBLIC of SOUTH AFRICA**

**SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNITS AND SPECIAL TRIBUNALS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 74 OF 1996): REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO EXISTING SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT**

WHEREAS allegations as contemplated in section 2(2) of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No. 74 of 1996) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), have been made in respect of the affairs of the Department of Water and Sanitation (hereinafter referred to as "the Department");

AND WHEREAS the Department or the State suffered losses that may be recovered;

AND WHEREAS I deem it necessary that the said allegations should be investigated and civil proceedings emanating from such investigation should be adjudicated upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby, under section 2(1) of the Act, refer the matters mentioned in the Schedule, in respect of the Department, for investigation to the Special Investigating Unit established by Proclamation No. R. 118 of 31 July 2001 and determine that, for the purposes of the investigation of the matters, the terms of reference of the Special Investigating Unit are to investigate as contemplated in the Act, any alleged—

- (a) serious maladministration in connection with the affairs of the Department;
- (b) improper or unlawful conduct by the employees or officials of the Department;
- (c) unlawful appropriation or expenditure of public money or property;
- (d) unlawful, irregular or unapproved acquisitive act, transaction, measure or practice having a bearing upon State property;
- (e) intentional or negligent loss of public money or damage to public property;
- (f) offence referred to in Parts 1 to 4, or section 17, 20 or 21 (in so far as it relates to the aforementioned offences) of Chapter 2 of the Prevention and

Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004), and which offences were committed in connection with the affairs of the Department; or

(g) unlawful or improper conduct by any person, which has caused or may cause serious harm to the interests of the public or any category thereof,

which took place between 1 January 2016 and the date of publication of this Proclamation or which took place prior to 1 January 2016 or after the date of publication of this Proclamation, but is relevant to, connected with, incidental or ancillary to the matters mentioned in the Schedule or involve the same persons, entities or contracts investigated under authority of this Proclamation, and to exercise or perform all the functions and powers assigned to or conferred upon the said Special Investigating Unit by the Act, including the recovery of any losses suffered by the Department or the State, in relation to the said matters in the Schedule.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Johannesburg this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June Two thousand and nineteen.

**CM RAMAPHOSA**

**President**

By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:

**TM MASUTHA**

**Minister of the Cabinet**

**SCHEDULE**

1. The appointment by the Department of a service provider under Contract Number 1/2/4/25/2017/1/NWRI/MIHLOTI for a period of eighteen months to render services for the emergency upgrading of the Thukela Goedertrouw Transfer Scheme and payments made in respect thereof in a manner that was—

- (a) not fair, competitive, transparent, equitable or cost effective; or
- (b) contrary to applicable—
  - (i) legislation;
  - (ii) manuals, guidelines, practice notes, circulars or instructions issued by the National Treasury; or
  - (iii) manuals, policies, procedures, prescripts, instructions or practices of or applicable to the Department,

and any—

- (aa) related unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by; or
- (bb) resulting loss or prejudice suffered by,

the Department or the State, as a result thereof.

2. Any unlawful or improper conduct by—

- (a) employees or officials of the Department;
- (b) the service provider referred to in paragraph 1 of this Schedule, its directors, employees or agents; or
- (c) any other person or entity,

relating to the allegations set out in paragraph 1 of this Schedule.