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**MEDIA STATEMENT
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SIU SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON “APOLOGY FOR INCONVENIENCE CAUSED”

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has noted the City Press article that was published on Sunday, 12 June 2022, under the headline: “SIU apologises to Mkhize over Digital Vibes tapes”. As the headline and the article has the potential to mislead the public, the SIU had to set the record straight.

The review process is ongoing and the parties are responding to each other’s requests in the process. One of the requests to SIU was to transcribe the recordings obtained during the investigations. The SIU legal team is attending to this request as a matter of urgency to ensure that the outsourced transcribing service delivers timely.

The “apology for the inconvenience caused” relates to the process issue and not to “Digital Vibes” as it appears in the article. The SIU will ensure that there is fairness to all parties, as we all prepare for the review. The SIU will at no stage seek to delay the matter.

Fraud and corruption allegations may be reported via the following platforms:

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ABOUT THE SIU:


The SIU is an independent statutory body with a primary mandate to investigate allegations of corruption, malpractice and maladministration in the affairs of government departments,

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municipalities and State Owned Entities, and to recover financial losses suffered by State institutions. The SIU was established in terms of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunal Act, Act No 74 of 1996 (SIU Act).

The SIU has powers to subpoena witnesses, bank statements and cellphone records, search, seize evidence and interrogate witnesses under oath. The SIU can take civil action to correct any wrongdoing it uncovers in its investigations.

Where criminal conduct is uncovered during investigations, the SIU will bring the matter to the attention of its partners Hawks in the South African Police Service (SAPS), as well as the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for further action.



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