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MEDIA STATEMENT
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## SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT (SIU) AUTHORISED TO INVESTIGATE SECURITY TENDER IN MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

President Cyril Ramaphosa has authorised the SIU to investigate allegations of corruption and maladministration in the affairs of Mogale City Local Municipality in Gauteng Province, and to recover any financial losses suffered by the State through corruption and negligence under Proclamation R.85 of 2022.

The SIU will launch an investigation into an armed and unarmed security services contract by or on behalf of the Municipality. The probe will focus on any payments made that may not have been fair, competitive, transparent, equitable or cost-effective, or contrary to applicable legislation.

The SIU will also seek to determine whether there was any related unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the Municipality or losses suffered by the Municipality or the State.

Furthermore, the SIU will investigate whether there was any irregular, improper or unlawful conduct by contractors, officials or employees of the Municipality, the suppliers or service providers of the Municipality, or any other person or entity.

The proclamation covers allegations of unlawful and improper conduct that took place between 1 January 2018 and 12 August 2022, the date of the publication of the Proclamation, or before 1 January 2018 and after the date of this Proclamation that are

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(College Square), Bloemfontein | Mpumalanga: 25 Samora Machel Drive, Mbombela Centre, 4th floor, Mbombela, 1200 | Limpopo: Ground Floor,

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relevant to, connected with, incidental to the matters or involve the same persons, entities or contracts investigated.

The SIU is empowered to institute civil action in the High Court or a Special Tribunal in its name, to correct any wrongdoing uncovered during both investigations caused by acts of corruption, fraud or maladministration. In line with the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act 74 of 1996, the SIU will refer any evidence pointing to criminal conduct it uncovers to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for further action.

Fraud and corruption allegations may be reported via the following platforms: <a href="mailto:siu@hotline.co.za">siu@hotline.co.za</a> / Hotline: 0800 037 774.

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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, 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)	

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