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**MEDIA STATEMENT
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SAP ORDERED TO REPAY OVER R81 MILLION TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) welcomes the Special Tribunal order for the Systems Applications Products (SAP) to payback the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) more than R81 million.

In March 2022, the Special Tribunal ordered SAP to repay DWS R413 million, which is the total amount paid by DWS to SAP between 2015 and 2016 for software license and support contracts. The contracts value was over a billion rand. However, SAP disputed an amount of R83 million for third party costs it incurred.

In a new order — dated 29 September 2022 — the Special Tribunal ruled that SAP pays DWS the full outstanding amount in the sum of R81 502 073.62 within five days after the court order.

The Special Tribunal ruling comes after SIU investigations revealed that the department the contracts between the department and SAP were irregular and unlawful. The court then side aside these contracts.

The SIU is empowered by the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act 74 of 1996 to institute civil action in the Special Tribunal or the High Court to correct any wrongdoing it uncovers in its investigation. Where evidence points to a criminal conduct, the SIU refers the evidence to the National Prosecuting Authority for further action.

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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)