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MEDIA STATEMENT
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SIU SETS RECORD STRAIGHT REGARDING THE IOL PUBLICATION STATING THAT "SIU HAS 'CLEARED' ZWELI MKHIZE IN THE DIGITAL VIBES SCANDAL"

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has noted the IOL publication on Tuesday, 18 October 2022, titled "SIU 'clears' Zweli Mkhize in Digital Vibes scandal".

As the publication has the potential to mislead the public, the SIU is enjoined to set the record straight.

SIU has not cleared anyone in the Digital Vibes matter. The matter is currently pending in the High Court. Due to this matter pending in court, the SIU will respect the court process and not comment further.

Fraud and corruption allegations may be reported via the following platforms: siu@hotline.co.za / 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)