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

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

AND WHEREAS the Municipality suffered losses that may be recovered;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby, under section 2(1) of the said Act, and at the request of the Premier of the Free State Province, refer the matters in the Schedule 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 these matters, the terms of reference of the Special Investigating Unit are to investigate as contemplated in the said Act, any -

- (a) serious maladministration in connection with the affairs of the Municipality;
- (b) improper or unlawful conduct by officials of the Municipality;
- (c) unlawful appropriation or expenditure of public money or property;
- 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) corruption in connection with the affairs of the Municipality; 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 has taken place between 1 July 2002 and the date of publication 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 said Act, in relation to the said matters in the Schedule, for the purpose of the recovery of any losses suffered by the Municipality.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Fifteenth day of October Two thousand and four.

T. A. MANUEL

Acting President

By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:

B. S. MABANDLA

Minister of the Cabinet

SCHEDULE

- 1. The appointment of the building contractor, Odyssey Holdings, by the Municipality and the role played by the Municipality's consulting engineers, Molekwa and Mali CC, in the appointment.
- 2. The failure by the Municipality to ensure that
 - (a) Molekwa and Mali CC; and
 - (b) Odyssey Holdings, comply with their contractual obligations in terms of contracts concluded with the Municipality.
- 3. The financial management and administration of the project relating to the taxi route in Monyakeng by the Town Engineer and officials of the Municipality.