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**MEDIA STATEMENT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
27 March 2024**

**SIU AUTHORISED TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF SERIOUS MALADMINISTRATION IN  
THE KWAZULU-NATAL FILM COMMISSION**

President Cyril Ramaphosa has signed Proclamation R.4539 of 22 March 2024 authorising the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to investigate allegations of serious maladministration in the affairs of the KwaZulu-Natal Film Commission (KZNFC) and to recover any financial losses suffered by the State or KZNFC.

Proclamation R.4539 of 22 March 2024 authorises the SIU to probe the procurement of and contracting for suitably qualified companies to partner and invest with the Film Commission in the development and operation of the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Studios including the Film Commission's investment in KZN Studios.

The SIU will also investigate any unauthorised, irregular, or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by KZNFC or the State. The scope of the investigation also covers any unlawful or improper conduct by officials or employees of KZNFC, the applicable suppliers or service providers or any other person or entity.

The Proclamation covers allegations of unlawful and improper conduct that took place between 1 July 2017 and 22 March 2024, the date of the publication of the Proclamation or before 1 July 2017 and after the date of the Proclamation that are relevant to, connected with, and incidental to the matters or involve the same persons, entities or contracts investigated.

In addition to investigating maladministration, malpractice, corruption and fraud, the SIU will identify system failures and make systematic recommendations to improve measures to prevent future losses.

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In line with the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act 74 of 1996 (SIU Act), the SIU will refer any evidence pointing to criminal conduct it uncovers during its investigations to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for further action.

The SIU is empowered by the SIU Act to institute a civil action in the High Court or a Special Tribunal in its name to correct any wrongdoing uncovered during its investigation caused by acts of corruption, fraud, or maladministration.

**END.**

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