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**MEDIA STATEMENT
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SIU SECURES PRESERVATION ORDER AGAINST GROEN MINTIRHO (FORMERLY ENVIRO MOBI) LINKED TO FORMER MP PULE MABE

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has obtained a preservation order from the Special Tribunal against Groen Mintirho (formerly Enviro Mobi), which is associated with former Parliamentarian Pule Mabe, in connection with alleged procurement irregularities involving the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Environment (GDARD) and the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (EMM).

The order restricts Mabe from selling, leasing, transferring, or otherwise dealing with specific assets, including:

- 1. An immovable property located at Steyn City, Gauteng Province.**
- 2. A luxury motor vehicle, Porsche 911 Carrera GTS**

The SIU's investigation, initiated under Presidential Proclamation No. R15 of 2021, uncovered significant irregularities in the procurement of 200 motorised three-wheeler vehicles valued at R27,599,250 for a waste management project. Despite payments made to Enviro Mobi, evidence indicates non-compliance with procurement regulations, misrepresentation, and failure to deliver contracted services.

The SIU findings revealed mismanagement of public funds, resulting in losses exceeding R25 million, fraudulent activities linked to tender awards and settlements and unlawful financial flows benefitting individuals and entities.

In addition to the preservation order, the SIU has filed a review application at the Special Tribunal to nullify the tender award and recover funds unlawfully paid to Groen Mintirho.

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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. The SIU refers the evidence pointing to criminal conduct to the National Prosecuting Authority for further action.

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