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PROCLAMATION NOTICE 248 OF 2025**by the****PRESIDENT of the REPUBLIC of SOUTH AFRICA****SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNITS AND SPECIAL TRIBUNALS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 74 OF 1996): REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO EXISTING SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT: ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY - WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS allegations as contemplated in section 2(2) of the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996 (Act No. 74 of 1996) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), have been made in respect of the affairs of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality: Water and Sanitation Services (hereinafter referred to as “the Municipality”);

AND WHEREAS the Municipality or the State may have suffered losses that may be recovered;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby, under section 2(1) of the Act, refer the matters mentioned in the Schedule, in respect of the Municipality, 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 the matters, the terms of reference of the Special Investigating Unit are to investigate as contemplated in the Act, any alleged—

- (a) serious maladministration in connection with the affairs of the Municipality;
- (b) improper or unlawful conduct by officials or employees of the Municipality;
- (c) unlawful appropriation or expenditure of public money or property;

- (d) 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) offence referred to in Parts 1 to 4, or section 17, 20 or 21 (in so far as it relates to the aforementioned offences) of Chapter 2 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004), and which offences were committed 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 took place between 1 January 2015 and the date of publication of this Proclamation or which took place prior to 1 January 2015 or after the date of publication of this Proclamation, but is relevant to, connected with, incidental or ancillary to the matters mentioned in the Schedule or involve the same persons, entities or contracts investigated under authority 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 Act, including the recovery of any losses suffered by the Municipality or the State, in relation to the said matters in the Schedule.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this day of 23 day of December Two thousand and twenty four.

President

By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:

Minister of the Cabinet

SCHEDULE

1. Serious maladministration in the affairs of the Municipality in respect of the provision of water and sanitation services to human settlements and schools situated within the municipal boundaries of the Municipality in terms of Project Number Y6525AZ1: Ablution Blocks-IN SITU Upgrade-Infrastructure Sanitation, including the causes of such maladministration.

2. Any irregular, improper or unlawful conduct by—

- (a) employees or officials of the Municipality; or
- (b) any other person or entity,

in relation to the allegations set out in paragraph 1 above.