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Attention:

AMABHUNGANE CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE
JOURNALISM

att: Mr Dewald van Rensburg

Your ref:

Our ref:

Date: 29-07-2024

By email: Dewald van Rensburg dewaldvr@amabhungane.org

Dear Mr Van Rensburg,

RE: RENS KONTANT IN TRANSITO

1. Thank you kindly for the opportunity to reply to your comprehensive correspondence.
2. We note that you make several, what appears to be unfounded, assumptions as to nefarious and illegal conduct about the position or conduct of our client.
3. We also note that the authorities are ostensibly and / or apparently duly investigating the incidents that you raise in your correspondence, and that you have in the past commented on their investigations on several occasions.

4. We accordingly respectfully caution you to kindly refrain from unfounded assumptions, especially as the authorities have obviously not concluded their official investigations.
5. Whereas the authorities, which seem to include several government entities, have a primary right to all information relating to their investigations and a concomitant right to privilege thereon, it would not only be premature but foolhardy for our client to freely dispense information which might or might not be at its disposal, and without being aware of the full impact thereof or in which manner his position or rights might be affected.
6. Furthermore, by the gist and nature of your questions and ostensible statements of facts with assumptions (without announcing on the correctness thereof or not), it does seem that you presume to question our client as if you were part of the various incumbent structures of the State investigating the incidents, which is of course not the case, and thus we do not intend to divulge any information at this stage as might be relevant to such.
7. We also note with some concern, that (e.g. in your point 9) you refer to payments that would presumably be reflected in the books of our client, which records / books we have not made available to you and we accordingly wish to enquire how you came to be in possession of what you aver to be our client's books / records?
8. You also seem to intimate that you are in possession of an audit report of some kind with an ostensibly detailed analysis of intimate details of our client's records and banking information, as would presumably allow you to come to conclusions about the flow of billions of Rand of funds with specificity of dates and amounts over a period of years, and we request that you kindly indicate how you came to be in possession thereof and to make copies thereof available to us as well as the private material of our client at your disposal, so that we might consider our position and your questions more pertinently with full cognizance of the alleged surrounding facts.

9. However, be this as it may, kindly note our client's stated position that it was at no stage wilfully or knowingly engaged in any illegal or nefarious conduct.
10. We trust the above is of assistance to you in your considerations.

Yours faithfully,

PRITCHARD ATTORNEYS INC

Per: T.D. Pritchard

Electronically transmitted therefor unsigned.