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Good morning Mr Seboko, Ms Manganye, and Ms Cartwright

We trust that you are well. The amaBhungane Center for Investigative Journalism is working on an article that centres on you and your company, PPE Security and Projects.

Please come back to us by no later than CoB Thursday 5 February 2026

The article has several focus areas. One is on how you and your business worked with alleged organised crime boss Ralph Stanfield, his wife, Nicole Johnson, and businesses associated with their family's enterprise.

The work that PPE and several of its employees did for the family helped the Stanfield-Johnson enterprise in its alleged capture of contracts flowing from a multibillion-rand infrastructure reconstruction project in Cape Town. The project that was targeted by their enterprise was Prasa's reconstruction of the Central Line.

We have obtained evidence that shows how PPE provided a quote to the Stanfield-Johnson family enterprise to provide security guards to protect contractors hired by Prasa to reconstruct the Central Line. Our investigation shows that your company's involvement with the Stanfield-Johnson enterprise occurred over several months between late 2022 and mid-2023.

We also have evidence that shows that you and at least two of your employees [Ms Manganye and Ms Cartwright] worked with and engaged Stanfield on Prasa's central line reconstruction project. Our evidence shows that your employees went so far as to take instructions from Stanfield, including on the deployment of security guards along the Central Line.

The couple's notoriety is well known, and they have been well documented in the media for more than a decade. They became infamous after their first arrest in 2014 in the well-known guns-for-gangs case. In this case, they were charged under the Organised Crime Act and stand accused of operating a criminal cartel. Their subsequent arrests for serious and violent crimes in 2019, 2022, and again in 2023 have also been extensively documented in the media. They are currently awaiting trial on a number of charges.

Given your position, all the security vetting resources at your disposal, and your security experience, Mr Seboko, you would have, or at least should have, known exactly who Stanfield and Johnson were when you interacted with them. You should have blown the whistle, alerting Prasa to the risks that it faced from the involvement of businesses linked to the Stanfield-Johnson enterprise. Instead, you seemingly chose not to and continued to do business with them on the project, enabling them to allegedly commit several crimes, including fraud.

We emphasise that while our conclusions are based on the evidence before us, amaBhungane remains entirely open to being convinced otherwise. This being so, please provide evidence to support any denials on your part and to give context where relevant.

Please comment on the general allegations above, and provide us with a response to each specific allegation below.

Allegations:

- 1) On 13 September 2022, PPE provided a quote to Yibaninati Pty Ltd. The name on the quote is “Prasa Quotation,” and the quote’s reference number is 001. It was sent to Stanfield’s associate Suraya Manuel. It was for the supply of 30 Grade C armed guards for the day shift and 30 for the night shift. Also to be supplied were 10 Grade B guards for the day shift and 10 for the night shift, 40 handheld radios, and five tactical vehicles. The value of the quote was R2.026-million. Evidence shows that the quote was sent the day that Prasa’s head of security, Alexio Papadopulo, engaged with Yibaninati via Manuel and asked her to send him quotes for facilitating the supply of security guards to protect its contractors working on the central line. PPE was one of several security companies that Yibaninati was approaching to source guards and equipment from. Please comment.
- 2) Evidence shows that between 11 October 2022 and 13 October 2022, Nicole Johnson and her associate, Rachel Samantha Abrahams, were to have nine-month contracts signed as well as to secure quotations for the provision of security at different train stations on the central line. These quotations were for guards and equipment needed to deal with, among other things, the relocation of people who were living on the rail reserve at the time. PPE was one of those companies that were to be involved in the supplying of guards and equipment to Mzansi Securifire, which, in November 2022, was awarded a security contract to protect Prasa’s main contractors as well as an ad hoc contract for the relocations. The evidence indicates that Johnson’s company, Glomix

House Brokers, was to facilitate the supply of guards and equipment from PPE. Please comment.

3) Evidence shows that PPE was to supply six security guards per day shift and six guards per night shift as well as a supervisor for the day and night shifts for the protection of Bonteheuwel, Heideveld, Langa and Nyanga train stations on the central line. There is also evidence that seemingly indicates that you and Stanfield had an agreement on payments that would need to be made to cover the medical aid, UIF, PSiRA subscriptions, provident fund, and unemployment fund benefits of guards who were hired to protect infrastructure on the central line as well as contractors working on the railway line. Please comment.

4) In 2014, former police members, Mary-Gail Cartwright and Mehloti Priscilla Manganye, were accused of illegally supplying Stanfield, Johnson, and several of their associates with firearm licenses and competency certificates while they worked in the police central firearms registry. Several years later, they joined PPE. Evidence shows that in July 2023, Stanfield had a number of dealings with Cartwright and Manganye. One of the dealings that he had with them was to tell them about a presentation that needed to be made to you and Stanfield. This presentation was apparently about the deployments of guards and security equipment along the Central Line. Other dealings that he had with them included Stanfield issuing instructions around the deployment of PPE guards alongside Mzansi Securifire guards on the Central Line on day shift and night shift. Evidence also shows that other dealings between Manganye, Cartwright and Stanfield also related to Stanfield calling for PPE security guards to be deployed. Further engagements include Stanfield informing Cartwright about retrenchments that Prasa is to start, which seemingly affected the deployed PPE security guards. Please comment

Regards

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