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RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS BY THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE ON THE MATTER BETWEEN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND TSWAING CONSULTING CC.

It is factually incorrect for the Democratic Alliance (DA) and in particular for its Provincial leader, Mr. Chris Hattingh to allege that there is a botched attempt to bring a fraudulent tenderer to book since the substance of the fraudulent tenderer is before the Supreme Court of Appeal at the insistence and initiation of the North West Provincial Government.

It is also not true that the DA uncovered details of a forensic investigation by Price Waterhouse Coopers kept under wraps by the provincial government as the forensic report is a public record which is being used by the provincial government in its court application against Tswaing Consulting CC.

It is not true that the North West Provincial Government is considering a R15 million settlement in the matter between itself and Tswaing Consulting CC.

The appointment of Price Waterhouse Coopers as an independent and credible firm of forensic investigators by the Provincial government was a responsible and a conscious decision by government to get to the root of the alleged fraudulent misrepresentations which led to the award of the tender to Tswaing Consulting CC.

As a result of the forensic report, the provincial government instituted a claim to:

- Cancel the tender awarded to Tswaing Consulting CC retrospectively and



- Claim an amount of R4million already paid to Tswaing Consulting CC as a result of the tender, which was fraudulently obtained.

The subject of this matter is before the Supreme Court of Appeals and no decision has been made by the court on this matter and therefore the statement by the Democratic Alliance to the effect that the Provincial government has lost the case in the Supreme Court of Appeal is misleading, smacks of sensationalism, cheap politicking and a total disregard of the due process of the law.

The Provincial government respects the sub-judice rule and will thus not comment on the substance and merits of this matter.

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