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Date : 02nd JUNE 2023
Our Ref : CIV/20234/TM2023
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TO: GROUNDUP

Attention: Mr Raymond Joseph

Email: info@groundup.org.za

**RE: PENDING NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMMISSION'S PROACTIVE FUNDING
INVESTIGATION BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT ("SIU")**

1. We act on behalf of Mr Petrus Sedibe "*our client*" who instructed us to address this letter to your office.
2. It is public information that the Special Investigating Unit in terms of Proclamation R32 of 2020, authorised by President Cyril Ramaphosa to investigate allegation of corruption and maladministration in the affairs of National Lotteries Commission and the conduct of the National Lotteries Commission officials, and to recover any financial losses suffered by the State or National Lotteries Commission.
3. The Special Investigating Unit is currently proceeding with Proactive funding investigations. Such investigations are still pending.



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4. On the 13th April 2023 your noble Institution published an article regarding issues which are still been investigated by the Special Investigating Unit. The aforesaid article contains information which unlawfully implicates our client.
5. Our client has further advised us that Groundup journalists are sending him questions regarding the matter which is under investigation and they are continuing to harass him.
6. Kindly be advised that our client is not in possession to can answer your questions regarding the matter which is under investigation. We kindly request you to wait for the outcome of the investigation so that you can obtain the side of the story of our client.
7. We therefore humble request you to refrain from contacting our client either by sending Sms`s, WhatsApps, Emails or Telephone calls pending the outcome of the Special Investing Unit report.
8. We further request you to refrain from publishing any article which implicates our client regarding the matter which is pending under investigation.
9. We hope you find the above in order.

Director: Mr. Thalife M
Assistant: Mr Ramuhala A