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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. R. 88 **26 August 2022**

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

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 National Student Financial Aid Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the NSFAS");

AND WHEREAS the NSFAS or the State 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 NSFAS, 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 NSFAS;
(*b*) improper or unlawful conduct by the employees or officials of the NSFAS;
(*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 NSFAS; 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 April 2016 and the date of publication of this Proclamation or which took place prior to 1 April 2016 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 NSFAS 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 Johannesburg this 11th day of July Two thousand and twenty two.

MC Ramaphosa
President

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By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:

RO Lamola
Minister of the Cabinet

SCHEDULE

1. Maladministration in the affairs of the NSFAS in relation to—
   (a) the management of the finances of the NSFAS; and
   (b) the allocation of loans, bursaries and any other funding payable to students in terms of the provisions of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme Act, 1999, Act No. 56 of 1999,

and any related unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the NSFAS or the State, including the causes of such maladministration.

2. Any unlawful or improper conduct by employees or officials of the NSFAS or the service providers in question, their employees or any other person or entity, relating to the allegations set out in paragraph 1 of this Schedule.

JUSTISIE EN STAATKUNDIGE ONTWIKKELING, DEPARTEMENT VAN

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van die
PRESIDENT van die REPUBLIEK van SUID-AFRIKA

WET OP SPESIALE ONDERSOEKEENHEDE EN SPESIALE TRIBUNALE, 1996 (WET NO. 74 VAN 1996): VERWYSING VAN AANGELEENTHEDE NA BESTAANDE SPESIALE ONDERSOEKEENHEID

AANGESIEN bewerings soos beoog in artikel 2(2) van die Wet op Spesiale Ondersoekeenhede en Spesiale Tribunale, 1996 (Wet No. 74 van 1996) (hierna na verwys as "die Wet"), gemaak is in verband met die aangeleenthede van die Nasionale Skema vir Finansiële Bystand vir Studente (hierna na verwys as "die NSFBS");

EN AANGESIEN die NSFBS of die Staat verliese gely het wat verhaal kan word;

EN AANGESIEN ek dit nodig ag dat gemelde bewerings ondersoek en siviele geskille voortspruitend uit sodanige ondersoek bereg moet word;

DERHALWE verwys ek hierby, kragtens artikel 2(1) van die Wet, die aangeleenthede in die Bylae vermeld ten opsigte van die NSFBS, vir ondersoek na die Spesiale Ondersoekeenheid ingestel by Proklamasie No. R. 118 van 31 Julie 2001 en bepaal dat, vir die doeleindes van die ondersoek van die aangeleenthede, die opdrag van die Spesiale Ondersoekeenheid is om soos beoog in gemelde Wet, ondersoek te doen na enige beweerde—

(*a*) ernstige wanadministrasie in verband met die aangeleenthede van die NSFBS;
(*b*) onbehoorlike of onregmatige optrede deur werknemers of beamptes van die NSFBS;
(*c*) onregmatige bewilliging of besteding van publieke geld of eiendom;
(*d*) onwettige, onreëlmatige of nie-goedgekeurde verkrygende handeling, transaksie, maatreël of praktyk wat op Staatseiendom betrekking het;
(*e*) opsetlike of nalatige verlies van publieke geld of skade aan publieke eiendom;
(*f*) misdryf bedoel in Dele 1 tot 4, of artikel 17, 20 of 21 (vir sover dit op voornoemde misdrywe betrekking het) van Hoofstuk 2 van die Wet op die

Voorkoming en Bestryding van Korrupte Bedrywighede, 2004 (Wet No. 12 van 2004), en welke misdrywe gepleeg is in verband met die sake van die Departement; of

(*g*) onwettige of onbehoorlike optrede deur enige persoon wat ernstige benadeling vir die belange van die publiek of enige kategorie daarvan veroorsaak het of kan veroorsaak,

wat plaasgevind het tussen 1 April 2016 en die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie of wat plaasgevind het voor 1 April 2016 of na die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, wat relevant is tot, verband hou met, insidenteel of bykomstig is tot, die aangeleenthede vermeld in die Bylae of wat dieselfde persone, entiteite of kontrakte betrek wat ondersoek word kragtens die volmag verleen deur hierdie Proklamasie, en om al die werksaamhede en bevoegdhede wat deur die Wet aan die gemelde Spesiale Ondersoekeenheid toegewys of opgedra is, uit te oefen of te verrig in verband met die genoemde aangeleenthede in die Bylae, insluitend die verhaal van enige verliese wat deur die Staat of die NSFBS gely is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Johannesburg op hede die 11de dag van Julie Twee duisend-twee-en-twintig.

MC Ramaphosa
President

Op las van die President-in-Kabinet:

RO Lamola
Minister van die Kabinet

BYLAE

1. Wanadministrasie van die aangeleenthede van die NSFBS met betrekking tot—

(*a*) die bestuur van die geldsake van die NSFBS; en

(*b*) die betaling van lenings, beurse of ander befondsing aan studente ingevolge die bepalings van die Wet op die Nasionale Skema vir Finansiële Bystand vir Studente, 1999 (Wet No. 56 van 1999),

en enige verbandhoudende ongemagtigde, onreëlmatige of vrugtelose en verspilde uitgawes wat deur die NSFBS of die Staat aangegaan is as gevolg daarvan, insluitend die oorsake van sodanige wanadministrasie.

2. Enige onwettige of onbehoorlike gedrag deur —

(*a*) beamptes of werknemers van die NSFBS; of

(*b*) enige ander persoon of entiteit,

ten opsigte van die bewerings uiteengesit in paragraaf 1 van hierdie Bylae.

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