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TO: PRINT & ELECTRONIC MEDIA HOUSES
FROM: MDU MLABA
SUBJECT: EXONERATION OF CYRIL GAMEDE
DATE: 06 JULY 2017

NSBE STATEMENT ON EXONERATION OF FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF UMGENI WATER – CYRIL GAMEDE

Our media statement dated 23 June 2017 refers. We welcome the financial settlement between Mr. Gamede and the Board as a public vindication from the Board over its handling of Mr. Gamede's precautionary suspension, investigation and subsequent exoneration without charge. The Board accepted unequivocally that he played no part in the corruption allegation and that he is wholly innocent of any wrongdoing. He is completely exonerated in this investigation.

The truth finally emerged that all this was a trumped-up allegation motivated by a witch hunt against Mr. Gamede. A disgruntled and vindictive employee who was against the transformation agenda in the organization was responsible for this injustice.

Nevertheless, the financial settlement provides an important conclusion to the whole aftermath of what Mr. Gamede had to endure following his suspension. The time he spent on suspension caused him significant hurt and he unavoidably remained in the public eye as someone senior who was suspected of being involved in some corruption scandal. The public humiliation didn't just affect him alone but affected a large circle of his family, friends and business associates.

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In conclusion, NSBE welcomes the fact that Mr. Gamede has been cleared of any wrongdoing, however, we would like to put it on record our huge concern in the manner in which the whole matter was handled. We believe the Board should have verified the veracity of the allegation before the decision was made to put Mr. Gamede on precautionary suspension.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mdu Mlaba', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mdu Mlaba
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