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**JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STATE CAPTURE,
CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR INCLUDING ORGANS OF STATE**

Media Statement

[1] The Commission wishes to announce that Mr Peter Pedlar, who has been its Acting Secretary since Dr De Wee went on special leave, has left the employ of the Commission to start in a new job that he has been offered in the Free State. The Commission takes this opportunity to thank Mr Pedlar for his contribution to the work of the Commission and for his hard work and dedication. The Commission is deeply indebted to him and wishes him everything of the best in his new job.

[2] In the meantime the investigation into the allegation against Dr De Wee has not been completed. His appointment with the Commission expires at the end of August 2019. For the period 16 July 2019 to the end of August the Chairperson has appointed Ms Bridgitte Shabalala as the Acting Secretary of the Commission. Ms Shabalala has a law degree (B. Iuris). Until 2012 Ms Shabalala worked as the Provincial Head of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in KwaZulu-Natal. She retired from that position in 2012. The Commission welcomes her and is confident that she will make a meaningful contribution to the work of the Commission during her acting period.

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