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**Themba Niveli James MASEKO**, states under oath in English:

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Further to my statement dated 22 June 2017, I wish to state the following: on the day in question and upon my arrival at the Gupta residence in Saxonwold, I was not requested to provide any form of identification when I arrived at the security check point. I also did not electronically sign in. I wish to state that I got the impression that the security guards were expecting my arrival. I do not recall seeing any security cameras at the entrance.

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I wish to state that immediately after greeting me Mr Atul Gupta, he left the room. The discussion with Mr Ajay Gupta had not yet commenced.

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I wish to state that no one else was present when Ajay Gupta mentioned to me that he was aware that government was spending around R600 million on advertising in media platforms and that he wanted all the budget of Government Communications and Information Services (GCIS) which was around Six Hundred Million Rand (R600 million) be transferred to his company.

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I reported what Ajay Gupta had discussed with me to Reverend Frank CHIKANE, he can be contacted on [REDACTED]

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With regards to the conversations mentioned in paragraph 32 and 40, my wife was present when both conversations took place.

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In paragraph 40 of my affidavit, I mentioned that other Heads of Departments had complained to me but at this stage I do not recall any specific names. I will attempt to identify the persons and provide their details to the investigating officer.

T. J.

According to my knowledge regarding the process that is followed for the placement of advertisements or whenever a media campaign is launched the relevant National Department that requires the media campaign would contact GCIS and brief us as to what their requirements were. The relevant department would transfer the specific budget for the campaign to GCIS. GCIS would then contact Mercury Media, the company appointed to procure media services on behalf of GCIS. According to my knowledge Mercury Media would buy the advertising space from the relevant media companies on behalf of GCIS. GCIS would then pay Mercury Media for the media placement.

During the time that I was at GCIS, I do not recall using the services of ANN7 or THE NEW AGE since they were still new in the media space. I later noticed that a number of Provincial departments were making use of THE NEW AGE and ANN 7 for their media campaigns. I wish to state that GCIS were not responsible for the advertising campaigns that were procured by the Provincial Departments.

Before attesting to the above-mentioned affidavit, the deponent was asked the following questions and his answers were recorded hereon:

Do you know and understand the contents of this declaration?

Answer: Yes

Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?


Answer: No

Do you consider the prescribed oath to be binding on your conscience?

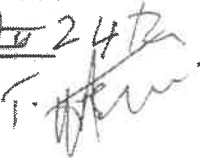
Answer: Yes

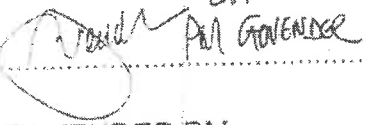
The deponent then uttered the following words "SO HELP ME GOD"

T. V.

  
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SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT

I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this statement which was sworn to before me and the deponent's signature was placed thereon in my presence at <sup>SANDTON</sup> 240 on this the 24th day of AUGUST 2017.



  
.....CAPTAIN  
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