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SITA Welcomes SIU Investigation – No Tradeoffs on Ethics and Accountability

Attention Editors and News Reporters

The State Information Technology Agency (SITA) welcomes the recent proclamation by President Cyril Ramaphosa authorising the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to probe the 2017 procurement process involving a turnkey software asset management solution and integrated logistics support services.

This investigation—targeting a contract awarded to Blue Turtle Technologies following submissions from six service providers—represents an important step in our ongoing mission to rebuild public trust and ensure full compliance with ethical and legislative procurement standards.

In 2021, SITA conducted its own internal review of the matter, with key findings acted upon and subsequent matters related to the tender, ventilated through the courts. The SIU will now determine whether the original procurement process complied with National Treasury regulations or was compromised by irregularities, lack of transparency, or potential misconduct by any involved parties.

A New Chapter for SITA

It is important to note that this investigation pertains to a historical matter. It does not define the current state of the Agency. Over the past few years, SITA has undergone significant internal reforms aimed at enhancing transparency, accountability, and operational excellence. Key reforms include:

Overhauled procurement and contract management frameworks aligned with PFMA and Treasury regulations:

Non-Executive Directors:

Ms Sedsani Mudau (Chairperson), Mr Willie Vukela, Mr Willie Mathebula, Adv. Johannes Collen Weapond,
Mr Omega Shelembe

Executive Directors:

Mr. G Reddy (Managing Director Acting), Mr. MK Kgauwe (Chief Financial Officer)

Company Secretary:

Ms. B Laka

- Deployment of digital systems to enable procurement tracking and auditing;
- Comprehensive ethics training for all senior and middle management;
- A proactive Loss Control Committee to address irregular and wasteful expenditure;
- Strengthening of the Governance, Risk, and Compliance unit with direct executive oversight.

These changes underscore our shift from reactive to proactive governance—ensuring we interrogate and refine our systems continuously without waiting for external prompts.

Full Cooperation with the SIU

We affirm our full support for the SIU's work and are committed to full cooperation. SITA will provide open access to records, systems, and relevant personnel to assist with a thorough and transparent investigation. We do this not just out of obligation, but from a genuine commitment to upholding integrity in public procurement.

Looking Ahead

This investigation aligns with, rather than detract from our core mission—to serve as the digital backbone of government, enabling effective and secure service delivery to citizens. It demonstrates the conviction of the Interim Board of Directors focusing on four key priority areas. These include restoring corporate governance and working towards a clean audit outcome. There will be no tradeoffs on ethical leadership and institutional accountability.

SITA's vision is clear: to be a benchmark for public sector innovation, driven by transparency, ethical governance, and technical excellence.

We welcome all efforts that ethically aim to restore and strengthen public confidence in our operations.

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