



Our ref: 13050

10 March 2017

Mr Tshepo Bloom
Municipal Manager
Joe Morolong Municipality

Per email: bloomt@joemorolong.gov.za

Dear Sir

Corruption Watch Enquiry: Alleged misrepresentation regarding funding allocated to Itsoso Granite Projects in the 2011/2012 annual financial report.

1. We refer to the above matter.
2. Corruption Watch is a civil society organization. It seeks to expose corruption, abuse of power and the abuse of public funds in South Africa. Corruption Watch aims to ensure that those who engage in corrupt activities, abuse of power and the abuse of public funds in both the public and private sector are held to account.
3. Part of our activities include the referral of corruption allegations that have come to our attention to the relevant authorities for investigation and prosecution.

Summary of matter

4. Our attention has been drawn to Joe Morolong Local Municipality's annual performance report for the 2011/2012 financial year.
5. We received an anonymous complaint alleging that the Municipality misrepresented its position regarding the funding awarded to Itsoso Granite Projects (**Itsoso**) under the local economic development category.

6. We refer to the annual performance report where it is stated on page 13 that Itsoso was funded a sum of R1 million “through the SLP”.
7. Our understanding is that Itsoso never received any of the funds the Municipality claims to have given Itsoso.
8. In light of the above, please confirm whether or not Itsoso was funded by the Municipality: provide proof of payment in respect.
9. In addition we request the municipality to furnish proof that indeed Itsoso did receive the funding in the 2011/2012 financial year as posited in the annual performance report for the said time period. This refers to, but not limited to all paperwork which proves that indeed Itsoso was the beneficiary of these funds and that the Municipality did pay and any other records in any format which corroborate the fact of such funding, including the “SLP”.

Conclusion

10. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and we request that you provide us with a response by close of business on 17 March 2017.
11. Please note in the interests of transparency, this correspondence together with your response may be published on any of our media platforms.

Yours faithfully,

Modupi Moloto
Intern

Corruption Watch

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