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My ref: 2193/2015/Z21/sn
Your ref: Mr A Suliman/fc/00001832

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ATTENTION: MR A SULIMAN
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Dear Sir

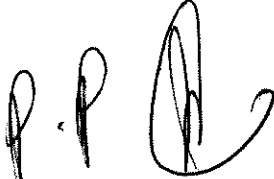
**RE: CORRUPTION WATCH (NPC) RF) / THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL
SECURITY AGENCY**

1. We have now had the opportunity to consult with our client on the concerns raised in your letter under reply.
2. First, the matter is pending before the High Court and as such is sub judice. It would be inappropriate to comment on the merits and it is necessary that as lawyers we respect the legal process concerning a pending matter before the court.

3. Secondly, the decision not to oppose the application by our client and instead to abide the decision was taken after serious consideration being given to the issues, in particular, having regard to *inter alia*:
 - 3.1 those officials who initially took the decision to oppose the application are no longer in the employment of SASSA. The current officials responsible for the matter are not fully privy to their thinking and, more importantly, information which they relied upon;
 - 3.2 material which appeared in the supplementary affidavit filed by Corruption Watch threw a different light in the matter, in particular, the information published by Net 1 in its financial statements for purposes of the regulatory authority in the USA did not accord with the provisions of the service level agreement relied upon by SASSA in its initial view in opposing the application.
4. The CEO rightly applied his mind, took legal opinion, consulted with the responsible officials now in control of the litigation and took the decision to no longer further oppose the application. We would submit that this is responsible and accountable conduct. Far from incurring wasteful or irregular expenditure – this conduct reflects responsible conduct.
5. If your client is still mindful to pursue any costs orders against any of our client's officials, please give us due notice. In such case, we will ask the court to defer the question of costs until the court has ruled on the merits of the application. Thereafter, our client will be in a better position to put fuller particulars before the court in reaching a just and equitable decision on the question of costs.

6. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, cursive letters that appear to read 'RJ Ramnarain'.

RJ RAMNARAIN
FOR: STATE ATTORNEY (PRETORIA)