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

STATEMENT OF HLENGIWE CHRISTOPHINA MGABADELI

I, the undersigned,



HLENGIWE CHRISTOPHINA MGABADELI

do hereby state that:

1. I am a member of the African National Congress. I have served in parliament from April 2004 to June 2014. I have also served on several parliamentary committees, including the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence (“the Committee”). I unfortunately do not recall the period service to the Committee. I served in this Committee together with, amongst others, Ms. Mabel Patronella (“Vytjie”) Mentor (“Ms. Mentor”).
2. The facts contained in this statement are both true and correct, and within my personal knowledge, unless the context provides otherwise.
3. I have been requested by the Commission to provide a statement in respect of the evidence by Ms. Mentor, that in the year 2010, she disclosed to me that the Gupta family had offered her a ministerial position.

4. I have read Ms. Mentor's statement dated 25 July 2018 and in particular, paragraph 103, where she mentions me as one of the people to whom she had disclosed this offer. I have also been provided with the relevant transcript in respect of her allegations in paragraph 103 of her statement. I have since been provided with the transcript of 12 February 2019 by the Commission and have been advised by the Commission that Ms. Mentor has corrected what she had originally stated in her statement at paragraph 103 to 104, as well as during her testimony at the hearing during August 2018, insofar as her disclosure to me, Mr. Dennis Bloem and Mr. Siyabonga Cwele is concerned. This transcript discloses that in her correction, Ms. Mentor states that the disclosure was made to me personally, during a conversation between the two of us.
5. I have tried my level best to recall this conversation, but I unfortunately do not recall any conversation at which Ms. Mentor made any disclosure to me of a ministerial position offer by the Gupta family during the year 2010.
6. I note that on page 67 of the transcript dated 12 February 2019 at lines 13 to 15, Ms. Mentor states that, "*I have said also to the legal team of the Commission I may have discussed it with Mrs Mgabadelu may be able to corroborate. I also said to the SS member of the standing committee on intelligence.*" (my emphasis). However, as stated above, I do not recall the said disclosure being made to me.
7. I pause to mention that years ago, Ms. Mentor was my neighbour at the parliamentary village in Cape Town and we were very close, as we came from the same political party. We also have a lot of similarities when analysing issues. Therefore, I have no reason to act in a vexatious manner by stating that I do not recall her disclosure to me. I mean it.
8. Ms. Mentor later moved to another section of the same parliamentary village, which was very far from me. I cannot remember the year, but until I left parliament in June 2014, Ms. Mentor was no longer my neighbour.

9. This is all I can assist the Commission with.

HLENGIWE CHRISTOPHINA MGABADELI

DATE: ___ / ___ / ___



STATEMENT TO THE STATE CAPTURE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

I, the undersigned,

DAPHNE MASHILE-NKOSI

state as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. I have prepared this statement to assist the State Capture Commission chaired by Deputy Chief Justice Zondo (**"the Commission"**). This statement relates to the sworn statement filed with the Commission on 25 July 2018 by Ms Mable Patronella Mentor (**"Ms Mentor"**), as it relates to me.
2. I have read Ms Mentor's statement and note that I have been mentioned by name in paragraphs 70, 84 and 100. I deal with this below.

BACKGROUND

3. I am the executive chairperson of Kalagadi Manganese (Pty) Ltd.
4. I first met Ms Mentor in 1986/8 when we were both activists and detainees. I was working as a field worker for the Detainees Support Committee to look after their welfare.
5. We became friends and have remained close friends over the years. It is true that Ms Mentor has stayed overnight at my home on numerous occasions whilst in Johannesburg for either business or personal reasons.

PHONE CALLS RECEIVED ON MONDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2010, FROM MS MENTOR

6. At paragraphs 70, 84, and 100, Ms Mentor refers to three phone calls she made to me on a particular Monday in October 2010 when she had travelled to Johannesburg to meet with the former President Jacob Zuma for official matters. These paragraphs are quoted below:
- 6.1. Ad para 70: *"While waiting to be introduced to this person, I called my friend Daphne Mashile-Nkosi (Ms Nkosi), who lives in Johannesburg, and informed her that I was in Johannesburg on my way to see Mr. Zuma in Pretoria at the Union Building. I told her I was scheduled to fly back to Cape Town later that day and I asked her if I could overnight at her home should I be delayed."*
- 6.2. Ad para 84: *"I was made to wait a long time, during which time I made another telephone call to Ms Nkosi. I told her that my meeting was running late and it was possible that I was not going to make my flight back to Cape Town. She assured me that I could stay at her house that evening if the need arose. The other reason that I called her was because I was feeling uneasy and wanted the comfort of someone knowing what was going on. As I did not know the place, I was unable to let her know the address and simply told her I was brought to a strange house to apparently wait for the President."*
- 6.3. Ad para 100: *"As we drove off, I called Ms Nkosi once again and told her that the meeting did not take place but that I would brief her when I saw her in person. I was uncomfortable talking on the phone about the incident while in the car with the two Gupta brothers. I was then driven back to the airport."*
7. Firstly, I can confirm that - as mentioned above - Ms Mentor often stays at my house when she overnights in Johannesburg. She has stayed with me on countless occasions over the years, and knows that she is always welcome in my home.
8. As you may expect, we have had a close friendship for more than 30 years and we have spoken on the phone on countless occasions over the years.

9. While I know Ms Mentor to be an honest person with great integrity, and believe, if she said she called me, then she did. However, after reflecting on the above paragraphs and using my best endeavours to recollect the calls which were made more than 8 years ago, I cannot, with certainty, say I distinctly remember the calls.
10. During that period, I was facing incredible challenges in my own life. I lost my husband and life partner in 2008 and my family and I went through a long period of mourning. In addition, in September 2010, around the same period of the phone calls, I woke up to find that my company, Kalahari Resources (Pty) Ltd (a major shareholder in Kalagadi Manganese (Pty) Ltd), had been hijacked. My world stopped as I commenced an intense legal battle against the perpetrators. The case attracted a high level of media attention. This fell over the same period that Ms Mentor mentions in her statement.
11. It is against this background that to recall such calls, more than 8 years ago, when my life was in turmoil, has been incredibly difficult and I cannot say – with all honesty – I specifically remember the calls.
12. I sincerely wish that I could be of more assistance.

Dated at Rivonia on this the 23rd day of NOVEMBER 2018.



DAPHNE MASHILE-NKOSI