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Dear Sir/s

RE: 54 MANDEVILLE ROAD, BRYANSTON

1. We act on behalf of Mr. Fikile April Mbalula.
2. We are instructed that Mr. Raymond Joseph and Ms. Masego Mafata published an article through the Daily Maverick, under the heading "*The Minister, the suspended Lottery boss and the curious purchase of a R5.6 – million Bryanston house*".
3. As you are aware, our client is the current sitting Minister of Transport.
4. We are instructed, that the article referred to hereinabove, makes various allegations about our client which are wrongful and defamatory, in that they were intended, and were understood of the Daily Maverick readers to mean:-
 - 4.1. that our client was somehow related and/or associated to Siweya or Letwaba and their business interests;
 - 4.2. that our client was an associate of Malwendla Siweya and/or Phillemon Letwaba and had some or other financial involvement with them, in at least, insofar as the Mandeville property is concerned;

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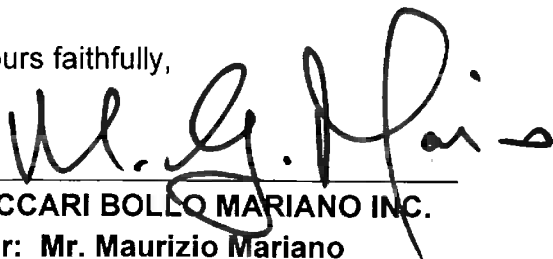
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- 4.3. our client was the benefactor or influenced questionable lottery grants.
5. The effect of the article was reasonably understood by readers of the Daily Maverick to mean that our client was dishonest, involved in a scheme to corrupt public coffers and/or conducted himself in an unethical and/or unprofessional manner, not befitting of a Minister of the Republic of South Africa.
6. The defamatory comments have injured our client's integrity, in particular, given our client's position as a Minister of Transport, as aforesaid.
7. In the circumstances, we hereby demand, that you confirm that you will publish an apology retracting all of the comments, associating our client with any untoward dealings in respect of the Mandeville Road property and/or any dealings with Siweya and/or Letwaba, suggested in your article. In addition, our client demands payment of the sum of R2,000,000-00 (two million Rand), in lieu of damages to his integrity and good character, by way of your defamatory statements, as aforesaid.
8. Should we not receive your confirmation that you will act as demand and make payment, within 5 (five) days hereof, we are instructed to institute the necessary legal proceedings to enforce our client's rights, on the basis as set out hereinabove.
9. All our client's rights remain reserved.

Yours faithfully,



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