

# #LOTTO HEIST: National Lotteries Commission (NLC) Investigations (1/2)

## R4 Million Mshandukani Foundation Grant



**Mashudu and Pretty Mshandukani**  
Members of the Mshandukani Foundation

**16 February 2016**

The Mshandukani Foundation registers with the Department of Social Development (DSD) as a non-profit organisation (NPO).

**20 February 2019**

A proposal on the proactive funding for **drilling and equipping boreholes in the Eastern Cape and Limpopo** was approved by **Mr Tsietse Maselwa**, who was the NLC Legal Executive at the time.



**25 February 2019**

Mshandukani Foundation applies to the NLC for a grant of **R4,708,000.00** to support a **community development project focused on drought relief and access to clean water for residents in the Eastern Cape**. The application is signed by **Ms Pretty Shandukani**, Chairperson.

**23 March 2019 to 3 May 2019**

t Constructions received four payments to the value of **R3 600 000.00** from Mshandukani Foundation

**15 March 2019**

The NLC pays **R4 million** into the Mshandukani Foundation's bank account, reference M12663. The account balance before payment was **R6,004.87**.

**12 March 2019**

- Former COO of the NLC, **Mr Phillemon Letwaba**, informs Ms Shandukani that the grant application had been "duly considered".
- On the same day, Ms Shandukani, as Chairperson, signs the grant agreement. Three days later Letwaba signs the grant agreement



**8 March 2019**

The Pro-Active Funding Quality Assurance Committee meets and based on project motivation by former NLC Grant Manager, **Mr Marubini Ramatsekisa**, resolves to allocate **R4 million** to the foundation under project number M12663.



**23 March 2019**

Predlon Construction, which is owned by Ms Shandukani, pays **R550,000.00** to Mshandukani Holdings owned by her husband **Mashudu Mshandukani**, purportedly as a loan.



**25 March 2019**

- Predlon Construction pays **R500,000** to Ironbridge Travelling Agency and Events (Pty) Ltd, owned by **Ms Rebotile Malomane**, spouse of Letwaba.
- Mshandukani Foundation pays **R700,000.00** to Predlon Construction.
- Predlon Construction pays **R50,000.00** in a money-on-call account.
- Predlon Construction pays **R120,000.00** to Mr Shandukani in his personal capacity.



**Ironbridge Travelling Agency and Events (Pty) Ltd**  
Ms Rebotile Malomane  
Letwaba's wife

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### Key issues flagged:

- The application to the NLC claimed the project would benefit **8 015** vulnerable people and create **15** part-time jobs.
- Budgeted operational costs included salaries for office bearers, stipends for **15** people, audit fees, bank charges and travel.
- Mshandukani Foundation submitted a **R4.7 million** grant application for drilling and equipping boreholes in the Elucwewe region in the Eastern Cape, despite having no plans to do so, as all necessary boreholes were already installed in 2016 by Mshandukani Holdings. The NLC grants Mshandukani **R4 million** for the project.
- Peldon Construction, owned by Ms Shandukani, received **R3,600,000** from Mshandukani Foundation immediately after receiving NLC funds.
- Bank statements show that some of these grant funds were transferred to Ms Shandukani's personal account and to Mshandukani Holdings, owned by Mr Mashudu Shandukani.
- Two Mshandukani Holdings employees, were listed as members of the Mshandukani Foundation without their knowledge or consent.
- Letwaba and his wife, acting through Ironbridge Travelling Agency and Events (Pty) Ltd, received **R500 000** from Peldon Construction.