



# **North West Parks Board**

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**ATTENTION: Mr. Poloko Tau**

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**RESPONSE : MEDIA INQUIRY DATES 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**

North West Parks Board is aware of Mape Inc. report but is not privy to the contents therefore since the report was submitted to the MEC of Economic Development and Tourism at that time. The lodges in question obtained approval from the BopParks to establish the lodges leading to signing of Concession agreement between BopParks and the Trieloffs to pay concession and traversing fees to the Board based on bed levies or turnover.

The current management of the Board will look into the R40 million transaction since it does not have records of the transaction including records of the concession agreement(s). However, the Board is in a process to review of all concessions agreements to ensure compliance. The Board is also receiving income from Madikwe landing strip recovered under gate fees from tourists.

The SARGBH project matter is sub-judicial at this stage and is being handled by the Department of Rural Environment Agriculture and Development who is the Executive Authority in charge North West Parks Board as it entity.

Dr. Magome professional status dates back to the time of Bophuthatswana Parks Board (Bop Parks) where he worked as the Acting CEO & CEO but resigned in January 1996. During the time of his departure from Bop Parks, the current Madikwe Game Reserve had only two Lodge Concessions, namely, Madikwe River Lodge and Tau Lodge, under the Board Chairmanship of Adv. Mogoeng who duly approved the Concessions.

Dr. Magome joined National Parks Board (now SANParks) as GM (General Manager) for Park Planning and Development in February 1996. In the same year declared his interests in Toyota Dealership and 10 filling (gas) Stations under Hemca Motors Pty Ltd ("Hemca"). Dr.

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Board of directors: Dr. TE Khakhane-Leballo (Chairperson), Dr. H Magome, Pastor P TThabanyane, Adv. M Raborife, Kgosi KS Lekoko, Ms. P Mashiane, Mr. F Thupaemang, Ms. N Maharaj, Adv. ST Kholong, Mr. ZJ van der Merwe (ex-officio)

Magome had no lodge in any state land but his own property (farm) in Groot Marico. He acquired interests in Tuningi Safari Lodge (TSL) and Madikwe Hills (Hills) during 2004 after being invited by Mr. Carl Trieloff, his partner in Hemca (short for Hector, Mark and Carl) to form part and adhere to NWP&TB Black (People) empowerment deal and requirement for concessions applications. At that time Dr. Magome was a Director for Conservation Development at SANParks where he declared his business interests in the lodges.

Dr. Magome had no direct or any influence or indirect dealings with either Mr. Paul Daphne or any directors of NWP&TB while serving at SANParks. He only met Paul Daphne in the mid-2000s (2003 to 2007) when Mr. Daphne joined SANParks. Dr. Magome left SANParks in February 2015. He joined NW Parks Board a successor in title to NWP&TB in August 2015 and immediately declared his interests in both TSL and Hills and continues to declare his business interests as the current Member of the North West Parks Board of Directors.

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## **ISSUED BY**

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