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Judge Bernard Ngoepe
Tax Ombudsman

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Dear Judge Ngoepe,

RE: Pertinent information in relation to your investigation into the delay in VAT refunds by SARS.

I am writing this letter to you re the above matter as I believe that I am in possession of information that is pertinent to your investigation into the very serious and concerning issue of the delay in VAT refunds, currently plaguing SARS.

The two attached replies to parliamentary questions, wherein the Minister of Finance, details the amounts of VAT and Diesel refunds outstanding as at 29 February 2016 and 28 February 2017 are cause for concern.

As it stood at 28 February 2017 there was a Total of R19.6 billion rand in VAT refunds outstanding. This is almost ten percent of the total VAT claims submitted during the period 01 March 2016 to 28 February 2017.

As I am sure you are aware the delay in the refunding of VAT has negative effects on business in general, and on smaller VAT registered business in particular.

I would therefore respectfully urge you to investigate this matter without delay.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal tail.

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