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Our Ref: DEM16/0507/ELZANNE JONKER/ks | **Your Ref:** | **Date:** 31 January 2018

THE HONOURABLE DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
PER HAND

Dear Sir

STATE CAPTURE: COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY

1. We represent the Democratic Alliance ("our client").
2. Our client was one of three complainants to the Public Protector regarding the state capture issue. The Public Protector delivered her State of Capture Report on our client's complaint during November 2016. That Report, of course, required the present Commission of Enquiry to be set up.
3. On this basis alone (and without dealing with other aspects of our client's interest), we respectfully submit that our client has a direct interest in the proceedings before Commission and the findings and conclusions it will reach.
4. The interest of our client was recognised by the President when he cited our client as a respondent in the first interdictory proceedings pertaining to the release of the Public Protector's Report under case number 80707/16 and in the review of the Public Protector's Report under case number 91139/16 in the Gauteng Provincial Division, both of which were subsequently dismissed.
5. In the circumstances, our client seeks to participate in and be represented by counsel at the proceedings of the commission, at its own costs. We respectfully request that you grant it any necessary permission to do so.
6. We await your response in due course. We are aware in this regard that the terms of reference were only published on Thursday 25 January 2018 and that the logistical and administrative arrangements are still to get underway.

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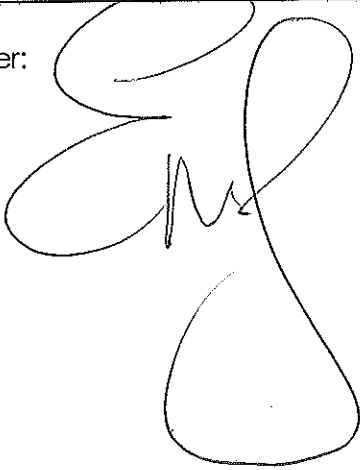
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Yours faithfully

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