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Dear Honourable Lees

Request For Access To Record In Terms Of Section 18(1) Of The Promotion Of Access To Information Act No.2 Of 2000 (PAIA)

The above matter bears reference.

I have had an opportunity to peruse your request to be provided with the Sale and Purchase Agreement entered into between Government and Takatso in respect of SAA.

After careful consideration I have decided to decline your request pursuant to sections 36(1)(b) and 36(1) (c)(i) of PAIA in that:

- a) the information required is commercially sensitive and,
- b) its disclosure can potentially put the third person (Takatso) at a disadvantage as it was supplied in confidence.
- c) the transaction is not concluded as it awaits competition and regulatory approvals.

Please be advised that you are entitled to take this matter on appeal should you so desire.

Kind regards,

Kgathatso Thakudi Director-General

Date: 31/03/2027