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Honourable K. Magaxa Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises Per e-mail: khayamagaxa@gmail.com dmocumi@parliament.gov.za

Dear Hon Magaxa,

Following the announcement yesterday by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister Pravin Gordhan, that after almost 3 years, the SAA/Takatso deal has been cancelled, we would like to request that the Committee urgently summon Minister Gordhan to appear before the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises, prior to the rising of Parliament towards the end of this month, and account on the now cancelled SAA/Takatso deal.

Minister Gordhan must provide a detailed account, including supporting documents, of the due diligence concluded by his Department on the following:

- The valuation of SAA, especially its projected future earnings indications are that SAA was sold using an undervalued valuation; and
- The viability of the Takatso Consortium as a potential equity partner, especially its ability to raise the required capital to meet the purchase agreements.

Minister Gordhan cannot hide behind 'changed circumstances' as an excuse for cancelling the SAA/Takatso deal.

He knew it was a bad deal from the beginning hence his insistence on hiding the details of the sale and purchase agreements from the public, including the nefarious attempts to muzzle Parliament through non-disclosure agreements.

In addition to holding him accountable over the cancelled SAA/Takatso deal, Minister Gordhan must explain to the Committee how SAA will be able to sustain itself after the 18 month period, through which he says SAA will be able to cover its operating costs.

Best regards,

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