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Dear Public Protector

RE: PUBLIC PROTECTOR CASE – INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TSHWANE

The above-mentioned refers.

What should be investigated

1. Whether a company called Triotic Protection Services did have a valid Tax Clearance Certificate at the time submitting tender bid's for contracts with The City of Tshwane and the Gauteng Health Department
2. If not, is there other governmental departments that Triotic Protection Services was awarded a tender while not having a valid tax clearance certificate
3. Is the City of Tshwane Deputy Executive Mayor, Eugene Modise, financially benefitting from the business Triotic Protection Services is doing with the City of Tshwane

Background to the case

1. When delivering its Audit Outcome for the 2022/23 financial year the Auditor General highlighted the City of Tshwane's tender for watchman services (Tender TMPD 02-2016/2017) as a limitation, since all bid documents were not submitted for auditing, meant that they could not confirm if the winning bidders complied with bid requirements, and he named a company called Triotic Protection Services explicitly
2. The DA subsequently learned of a judgement passed on 8 August 2023 against Triotic Protection services in favour of SARS for non-payment of an account of just over R59m,

- retained for 5 years (case 4419/23), which raised questions on the company's ability to have been able to produce a valid tax clearance certificate during the tender process
3. It appears as if Triotic Protection Services have family ties to the City of Tshwane Deputy Executive Mayor, Eugene Modise, and it is uncertain if he is financially benefitting from the company's dealings with The City of Tshwane where he is a sitting councillor
 - a. Eugene Modise started Triotic Protection Services as a CC with him holding 50% ownership
 - b. After the company was converted to a Private Company Modise became a director and resigned on 1 March 2023, after he became a City of Tshwane councillor on 15 February 2023
 - c. Upon his resignation as director, the company's HR Manager Neo Mafodi was appointed as director. Mafodi and Modise allegedly have a child
 - d. The Company's website lists 155 Dumburton Street Arcadia as its head office, a property that is owned by Eugene Modise
 - e. The Company's registered address is NO 27 UNIT X, Mabopane; a property owned by Nelly Modise, Eugene Modise's mother
 4. As per the Gauteng MEC of Health, Triotic Protection Services was also the winning bidder for Tender GT/GDH/15/2023 awarded on 05/05/2023, during the period when Triotic had defaulted on tax payments
 5. According to their website Triotic Protection Services also provide Protection Services to the National Department of Arts and Culture and other municipalities, it is unclear when these tenders was awarded.

Actions taken to address this with the local authorities'

- On 4 November 2025 Jack Bloom, Gauteng MPL, asked questions to the MEC for Health: Gauteng and Wellness
- On 8 November 2024 a letter was written to the Tshwane City Manager to ask for an investigation into the tender awarded to Triotic protection Services
- On 25 February 2025 a call was done to the City of Tshwane Executive Mayor to investigate the possible family ties between Deputy Mayor, Eugene Modise and Triotic Protection Services
- On 10 March 2025 a letter was written to both the the City of Tshwane Executive Mayor and the City of Tshwane City Manager to ask for terms of reference of the investigation

I look forward to your favourable response.

Sincerely

Councillor J Uys

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