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Mr Parks Tau, MP
Minister of Trade, Industry & Competition
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Dear Minister Tau,

**REGULATORY ISSUES WITH REGARDS TO THE AWARD OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL LOTTERY AND SPORTS
POOL LICENCE**

I refer to concerning allegations of misconduct by Sizekhaya Holdings and their legal representation with relation to the intellectual property and contractors used in their bid for the Fourth National Lottery and Sports Pools Licence.

As you are aware, Minister, the National Lotteries Commission is now investigating claims made by SocialPro, a contractor to Sizekhaya's bid for the fourth licence, of non-payment, illegal use of intellectual property, the absence of board processes, and a range of other procedural issues which place into doubt the validity of Sizekhaya's licence award.

In our previous correspondence in relation to the award of the licence, I have called for you to appoint an independent and forensic investigation into this issue. The NLC, to whom I have written to along similar lines, cannot be responsible for investigating its own potential shortcomings.

The emergence of these fresh regulatory issues only serves to underline the urgent need for such an investigation. Frequent and serious allegations that place in doubt the propriety of the selection process in the minds of South Africans can only be put to bed by a fully independent investigation, and full transparency over the findings thereof. The fact that the licence is one of the largest tenders awarded by the state demands a proportional response.

Given the importance of this issue, I trust that you will give it your urgent attention.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

Toby Chance, MP

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