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Dear Madam,

IN RE: COMPLAINT: RELATIONSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT WITH AFRICAN GLOBAL OPERATIONS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BOSASA.

With reference to the above-mentioned matter.

I attach hereto for your convenience the following documents, marked Annexures “A” to “D”:

Together, these documents reveal the followings set of facts:

1. On 18 October 2017, an amount of R 500 000 was paid into the account “EFG2”. The proof of payment is attached and marked **ANNEXURE “A”**.
2. The money was paid from the personal account of Gavin Watson, CEO of Africa Global Operations (formerly known as Bosasa) into the account of Miotto Trading, a company closely associated with Bosasa. From there it was paid to the account “EFG2”, said to be a “trust or foundation” of the son of President Cyril Ramaphosa’s son, Andile Ramaphosa.

In this regard, I will refer your attention to a sworn statement by one Peet Venter, attached hereto as **ANNEXURE “B”**, which corroborates this set of facts.

3. On 6 November 2018, during a question session in the National Assembly, I presented President Ramaphosa with the documentary proof of the payment and the sworn statement that alleges the money was intended for his son Andile. The President confirmed that he was aware of the payment but had been satisfied that it was a lawful payment for services

rendered by a consultancy firm owned or operated by Andile Ramaphosa. Kindly see the attached extract from the Hansard of 6 November 2018, marked **ANNEXURE "C"**.

4. Subsequently, and on or about 16 November 2018, the President sent a letter to the Speaker of the National Assembly purporting to "correct" the answer he gave in the National Assembly ten days earlier. A copy of this letter is attached as **ANNEXURE "D"**. In this letter of correction, the President reveals that the payment was actually a donation toward his campaign to be elected ANC President in December 2017.

It is my concern that the set of facts related above reveal that there is possibly an improper relationship existing between the President and his family on the one side, and the company African Global Operations (formerly Bosasa) on the other side. The nature of the payment, passing through several intermediaries, does not accord with a straightforward donation and raises the suspicion of money laundering. The alleged donor is further widely reported to have received billions of Rands in state tenders, often in irregular fashion.

It is further my concern that the President may have lied to the National Assembly in his reply to my question on 6 November 2018.

I request that you investigate this with the utmost urgency. The reported capture of the state by members of the Gupta family and their associates and connected companies over the past few years have wrought enough damage on the economy of South Africa. We cannot allow another President to be thus captured and the true facts of this matter therefore needs to be established with all due haste.

I trust that you will find the above in order and look forward to your soonest reply.

Yours sincerely,



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LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION