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COMMISSION'S REMARKS – JUDGE LEX MPATI

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The PIC Commission of Enquiry, established in October 2018, held its first meeting on 02 November, 2018 and began formal hearings on 21 January 2019. To date 77 witnesses have publicly testified before the Commission, a number of them appearing more than once or sitting for a few days.

The Commission's interim report was submitted to President Ramaphosa, as scheduled, on 15 February 2019. Since then the term of the Commission has been extended twice, from 15 April to 31 July and now from 31 July to 31 October 2019, when we will submit our final report to the President.

Today marks the end of the scheduled public hearings on allegations of impropriety at the PIC as outlined in the 17 terms of reference that guide the work of the Commission. It is now our task to review, assess, make findings, propose recommendations and prepare our final report in keeping with these terms of reference.

In addition to the investigations and testimonies that have been presented to the Commission over the past eight months, further possible questionable transactions have come to the attention of the investigative team. The team will continue with their investigations and, if deemed appropriate and necessary, further limited public hearings may be held.

Furthermore, anyone with evidence or who has been mentioned in evidence to date, and wishes to place their version of events on record, are welcome to

submit their testimony by way of sworn affidavits. All such submissions will form part of the testimonies that will be considered by the Commission when writing our report.

In the period between now and 30 September 2019 Advocate Lubbe and his team remain available as the point of contact with the Commission. Our communications team will alert the media if and when any new documents are posted on the website.

We extend our appreciation to all those who have given testimony before the Commission, often in difficult personal circumstances. We also thank the media for their consistent coverage of the work of the Commission.

Thank you


Commissioner Lex Mpati