



COUNCILLOR NEL SEWRAJ

KwaDukuza Municipality

Province of KwaZulu-Natal

Enquiries Imobuzo Navrae	082 937 6891	Telephone Ucingo Telefoon	032 946-3331
Reference Inkomba Verwysing	NelsinghS@kwadukuza.gov.za nelsewraj@gmail.com	Date	2 May 2023

NOMALUNGELO MKHIZE

BUSINESS UNIT LEADER - KZN

THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF SOUTH AFRICA
TOWN BUSH OFFICE PARK
460 TOWN BUSH ROAD, MONTROSE
PIETERMARITZBURG, 3201

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

E. &O.E.

Dear Sir/ Madam

REQUEST FOR THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF SOUTH AFRICA TO CONDUCT A REALTIME AUDIT ON THE TENDER DOCUMENTS OF THE PANEL OF CONTRACTORS AS INDICATED:

C2190 – AMENDMENT OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT MN 07/2022 – PANEL FOR REHABILITATION OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN TERMS OF SECTION 116 (3) MFMA.

At the Special Council meeting held on 14/04/2023, a list of 25 contractors were presented to Council. The Item is attached. The Item pertains directly to the utilization of R1,2 billion disaster relief grant received from National Treasury. It was understood that these contractors were deemed to have met all the tender requirements as issued by the municipality's supply chain management policy.

Upon our investigations it was discovered that:

1. Registration numbers and registration dates for some of these 25 companies could not be found:
2. One company could not be properly identified due to multiple use of that company name;
3. Some of these 25 companies were either de-registered or in the process of being de-registered.

Furthermore, an anonymous correspondence was circulated publicly, and to opposition party leaders, and which made allegations that a certain contractor listed on the panel, Benjivert, had violated the municipality's supply chain management policy and manipulated procurement processes. The letter which is attached, alleges that the owner of Benjivert owns more than one company on the panel, namely, Grace and Goodness, and Yena Uyabusa.

We therefore formally request the Auditor General of South Africa to conduct a real-time audit on the tender documents of the companies listed on the panel of contractors for roads rehabilitation. We trust that this matter will be treated with urgency as allocation of work to these contractors is already underway, and the abovementioned companies will be awarded work amounting to between R 10 million to R 20 million each.

Yours faithfully



Cllr. Nel Sewraj

*Member of the Executive Committee
ActionSA Caucus Leader
KwaDukuza Municipality*

Date: **02 May 2023**



Cllr. Sipho Zungu

*ActionSA Whip
KwaDukuza Municipality*

Date: **02 May 2023**