

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Kwasizabantu Mission and their projects aQuellé and Emseni Farming have appointed an independent two-person panel to investigate the said allegations as a matter of urgency (see a brief biography of the two people and their mandate below). Their mandate includes aiming to arrive at their conclusions by 9 October 2020. Given their training and experience they will be able to systematically deal with the various allegations.

They are:

**Advocate Khumbu Shazi**, from the Durban Bar. Briefly, her professional history is:

- 2002 – 2006 Prosecutor (Regional Court)
- 2007 – 2010 Senior State Advocate – Directorate of Special Operations (Scorpions)
- 2011 – 2016 Senior State advocate – Organised Crime Component (DPP's Office)
- 2017 – Durban Bar

Her 13 years' experience as a prosecutor included prosecuting inter alia commercial crimes, abusive and sexual offenders.

**Attorney Peter Le Mottee**, is a practising attorney in Johannesburg. Briefly, his professional and other pertinent history is:

- Admitted as an attorney in 1984
- Worked in full time ministry for Scripture Union Mission from 1984 to 1988
- In 1989 commenced practising as an attorney in Johannesburg to date.
- Extensive High Court and labour litigation experience, inclusive of commercial law and sourcing and testing the veracity of evidence of all kinds.
- Served for a number of years as the national convenor of the Methodist Church's arbitration panel, with jurisdiction over 6 Southern African countries. This by definition

involved chairing/presiding over many hearings and investigations. [Two of his co-panelists at the time that he was the convenor included Justice Madlanga (of the Constitutional Court – then a senior counsel) and Judge Bloem (then a senior counsel - now a judge of the High Court.)]

- Has served on the National Council of Scripture Union since 2012 to date.
- Obtained a Bachelor of Theology in 1992.

Arnott & Associates, Attorneys, Suite 159, Cowey Road, Berea, Durban (Tel: 031 207 9071 e-mail: andrewarnott@sai.co.za) have been appointed to assist the panel with issues relevant to the independent investigation including administrative assistance and to receive and collate relevant information for the panel.

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