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I, the undersigned,

RAJESH GUPTA

hereby declare under oath and say:

1.

I am a major male businessman with residential address being No. 5 Saxonwold Drive, Johannesburg.

2.

The contents of this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge and belief and are both true and correct.

3.

I was requested to embroid on my involvement as far as the request for road security for guests was concerned referring to the wedding at Sun City from 30 April 2013.

4.

I have made an affidavit on 3 May 2013 in the presence of members of the South African Police Service in which I clearly stated that I requested general Dladla to advise me on road transport security under circumstances explained to him and in particular where

guests arrived at Waterkloof Air Force Base and had to travel by car through rural areas to Sun City.

5.

I also wish to confirm that I made it clear to general Dladla that I did not want any services to be rendered as a favour or free of charge. To that end I indicated that I would pay for these services without any reservation. I am aware of an initiative within the South African Police Service where members of the public can insist on protection/control services at a prescribed fee and at a prescribed rate.

6.

General Dladla requested me to furnish him with information and, *inter alia*, the flight schedules of the guests which I then forwarded to him.

7.

During this period I also received feedback from Ronica Ragavan, an employee within the group of companies, who indicated that she requested the assistance of the South African Police Service to accompany the group of guests from Waterkloof Air Force Base. Ronica Ragavan has deposed of an affidavit simultaneously with this affidavit and I have read the contents thereof. I confirm the correctness thereof as far as it pertains to any arrangements made with the South African Police Service and our tender to pay for any services so rendered.

8.

I did not request any particular or special assistance with specific reference to “VIP vehicles”, blue lights, false number plates or unauthorised weaponry.

9.

I expected the services to be rendered in accordance with normal practise and I expected an invoice which I would have paid in accordance with my undertaking towards the general mentioned hereinabove.

10.

On or about 30 April 2013 I noted certain protection vehicles and members of the SAPS accompanying the group of guests from Waterkloof Air Force Base to Sun City, the destination of these guests.

11.

I did not find this awkward given the requests mentioned hereinabove. I expected an invoice from the South African Police Service for the services rendered on my request.

12.

On or about 30 April 2013 I received an invoice from a company called S&M Transport. I furnished the investigating officers with a copy of the aforesaid invoice indicating a request for payment for an amount in excess of R500 000.00.

13.

I did not expect an invoice from S&M Transport and I do not know who S&M Transport is. I further do not know who Salomie Manamela is and I had no arrangement with the aforesaid person to send me an invoice for "escort services".

14.

Despite receipt of the aforesaid invoice I have not had any further requests or communication from this company. I do not know who they are and I have never dealt with them.

15.

I must mention that Mr. George Van der Merwe, an employee within our group of companies, was involved in the investigation that lead to the affidavit deposed of by myself and referred to hereinabove.

16.

Mr. George Van der Merwe handed a copy of the invoice of S&M Transport to the South African Police Service. That was done on my instruction. He was not involved in requesting services from S&M Transport and he did not approach them for any assistance.

17.

The last remark I want to make is that I have informed the South African Police Service of the fact that I was not involved in any untoward conduct with specific reference to protection vehicles, number plates or the use of any weapons. When I was informed by the SAPS that certain vehicles carried false number plates I indicated that I had no knowledge thereof and that I did not approve thereof. I, further, confirm that I do not know to whom those vehicles belonged and what the purpose of any alleged false number plates had.

18.

Although I have nothing further to declare at this point I confirm my willingness to assist the SAPS in any way whatsoever with further information.

DEPONENT

Signed and sworn before me at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 2013 after the Deponent declared that he is familiar with the contents of this statement and regards the prescribed oath as binding on his conscience and has no objection against taking the said prescribed oath.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS: