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amaBhungane query: Vrede dairy cash routed through Dubai and back into Gupta pockets.

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Dear Mr. Gupta

I am a journalist with the amaBhungane Centre for Investigative Journalism. We intend to publish a series of reports on how the entire second tranche (R84m) of Free State provincial government's money, which was paid to Estina in 2013 and supposed to be spent on the Vrede dairy project, was instead routed to Gupta bank accounts in Dubai. Bank records and invoices furthermore show that Free State's cash was then used to reimburse USD3,333,400 (or R30m) of expenses related to the Sun City wedding of your niece, Vega. Another USD3,100,000 of the Free State government's money was sent to Oakbay.

We further intend to report that 1) the Guptas accounted for the wedding as a business expense meaning that beyond using the Free State's cash to pay for the wedding, the Guptas paid no income tax on their windfall courtesy of the Free State and that 2) the mere use of US correspondent banks (the payments in respect of the wedding expenses were made in US dollars) may be sufficient for the United States to claim criminal jurisdiction in respect of its Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and anti-money laundering laws.

Additionally, US conspiracy law may subject non-US companies or individuals who have not committed an act within the United States to US criminal jurisdiction. That is, if the United States can establish jurisdiction over a single conspirator, it may have jurisdiction over all conspirators, whether companies or individuals, wherever they may be found.

We welcome any comments you may have on the foregoing, including on the Guptaleaks in general.

Please send us any comments by no later than noon, Thursday, June 29.

Kind regards,

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