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Datum / Date: 28 October 2018

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Mr. Mmusi Maimane
Federal Leader: Democratic Alliance
CAPE TOWN

Via email: maimane@me.com

Dear Mr Maimane,

FALSE AND DEFAMATORY ALLEGATIONS BY YOURSELF

1. We refer to the above and confirm that we represent:
 - 1.1 Mr Siya Mamkeli;
 - 1.2 Ms Suzette Little;
 - 1.3 Mr Greg Barnardo;
 - 1.4 Mr Thulani Stimele; and
 - 1.5 Mr Shaun August.
2. Our clients are all former members of:
 - 2.1 The Democratic Alliance ("the DA"); and
 - 2.2 The municipal council ("the council") of the City of Cape Town ("the City").
3. Our clients resigned as member of both the DA and the council on Wednesday, 24 October 2018.
4. As you know, a certain report, now known as the "Bowman's report," was tabled before and adopted by the council on Thursday 25 October 2018. That report addressed issues of alleged misconduct, pertaining *inter alia* to affairs of the City.

5. On Friday, 26 October 2018, you are alleged to have made certain false and defamatory allegations against our clients, which were widely reported in different languages by the media. You are alleged to have said, *inter alia*, the following:
 - 5.1 The resignations of our clients are not surprising, as our clients are implicated in the Bowman's report on covering up corruption in the City;
 - 5.2 "*The report made serious findings against those people. They must be investigated.*"
6. You repeated similar false allegations against our clients in your newsletter, Bokamoso, also dated Friday, 26 October 2018.
7. The allegations you made, as recorded above, are false and defamatory, in that:
 - 7.1 Our clients are not implicated in the Bowman's report, in any manner;
 - 7.2 There are no serious findings against our clients in the Bowman's report. In fact, no findings are made against them, at all.
8. Our instructions are demand to demand the following:
 - 9.1 You are to retract the false and defamatory allegations against our clients, in the same manner in which you made them:
 - (i) You are to issue a media statement; and
 - (ii) Publish another Bokamoso newsletter;wherein you correct your impugned allegations, including an unconditional retraction;
 - 9.2 You are to apologise unequivocally for having made these false and defamatory allegations against our clients;
 - 9.3 You are to comply with the above demands by no later than 18h00 on Monday, 29 October 2018 and provide us with written proof thereof, which you may email to us at Leon@vrLegal.co.za.
10. If you fail to adhere to the above demands by 18h00 on Monday, 29 October 2018, we hold instructions to issue a summons against you for defamation and to claim damages from you.

Yours faithfully
VAN RENSBURG & CO

Transmitted electronically without signature

Per:
LJ VAN RENSBURG