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*Johannesburg, South Africa, 05 February 2025* – The MDDA confirms that it was served with court papers by an unknown individual. The Board has taken a decision to defend this action. As the matter is before the court and sub judicæ, MDDA will not answer any questions outside of the court process. We however are able to state that whilst the AGSA raised some issues in its management letter, there is no audit opinion/ finding to the effect as claimed. The AGSA audit opinion/ finding is a matter of public record.

MDDA stands by its decision to appoint an African female as the MDDA CEO who is both competent and qualified for the position. The Board reaffirms its support for the CEO and the great job she is doing at the entity, said Prof Hlengani Mathebula the Chairperson of the MDDA Board.

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