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### **MPUMALANGA PREMIER WELCOMES ACTION TAKEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AGAINST SUSPECTS IN CORRUPTION CASES**

The Mpumalanga Provincial Government welcomes the action taken by the law enforcement agencies, the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU), the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), and the Hawks of investigating allegations of corruption. As part of the investigation, the agencies attached assets belonging to the suspects worth millions of rands, following a preservation court order obtained from the High Court of South Africa.

The investigation is linked to the personal protective equipment (PPE). Mpumalanga Premier, Mr Mandla Ndlovu welcomes the investigation. "We welcome the attachment of their assets as part of the investigation to eliminate any form of corruption and crime in our state institutions. This is significant to establish good governance, promote good conduct and integrity among public servants," the Premier affirms.

Mr Ndlovu says the Provincial Government is committed to improve the image of state institutions and to place service delivery, at the apex of the agenda. He says any action that seeks to detract this aspiration, will not be tolerated.

"We view any measure taken by the law enforcement agencies, of investigating and the subsequent arrest of suspects, as important to strengthen the fight against corruption. The onus is on the identified suspects to prove their innocence in a court of law, as a right enshrined in our Constitution. We are convinced that action taken against suspects, will serve as a deterrent against malpractice in our state institutions," the Premier explains.

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