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## **AMAGP PROGRESS REPORT DECEMBER 2018**

- 1. <u>Introduction</u>. Since the previous survey regarding our progress, many aspects have remained while others have changed.
  - a. Remained:
    - i. Financial situation improved slightly but still very poor.
    - ii. Secrecy about the GEPF/PIC is the same, or even worse.
  - b. Have changed:
    - i. State capture is receiving much attention resulting in two important investigations which have been announced.
    - ii. Secrecy is under more pressure in the media.
    - iii. The PSA (Public Service Assoication) is prepared to meet with us.
    - iv. We are receiving more credibility.
- 2. What has the AMAGP done the past 6 months?
  - a. Handed in a report from the Zondo commission regarding the State capture.
  - b. Handed in a report from the Presidential Commission about the PIC.
  - c. Addressed two letters to succeeding Ministers of Finance regarding unanswered questions to the GEPF over the past 2 years.
  - d. Addressed a complaint to the IRBA (Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors) regarding ????????
  - e. Gave inputs to politicians about the appearance of the GEPF and PIC in front of parliamentary committees.

- f. Develop and operate social media. FB and the webpage is being managed actively and FB has more than 6000 members.
- g. Liaison with influential people. Relationships have been formed with the following people.
  - Paul O'Sullivan of Paul O'Sullivan & Associates, Forensic and Loss Control Consultants.
  - ii. Dr Frans Cronje from the Institute for Race Relationships.
  - iii. Genl Bantu Holomisa
  - iv. Magda ???????

This is an attempt to build a broader network of contacts, but especially for the conveying of our message, by credible people.

- h. <u>Liaison with other Organisations</u>. Contact has been made with Amaguhbane (investigative journalists) but no real advantage as yet.
- i. Press reports have been made through the written media, radio, TV and social media, over a wide range of aspects.
- j. <u>Studies</u>. A register of losses has been complied and distributed.
- k. Communication with the GEPF
  - i. Has been done in writing.
  - ii. No meetings have taken place as our experience during previous meetings has been negative.
  - iii. A number of aspects the AMAGP are concerned about, has been sent to them as questions and issues.
  - iv. The answers we received were unsatisfactory throughout.
- I. Liaison with the Public Protector has progressed.
- 3. What results has the AMAGP brought about? Although it is difficult to prove there are indications that the AMAGP has played a role (even though small and in conjunction with others and other factors) in the following:
  - a. Greater focus by the media on the secrecy issue. This is a very important aspect to get to the true state of affairs in time.
  - b. The appointment of the two investigative committees (State capture and PIC)
  - c. Certain media are already asking for the opinion of the AMAGP.
  - d. Some FB members are addressing their views in writing.

## 4. Aspects we have made little/no progress with

- a. Admission to the black written media. There are however indications of black people joining our FB page.
- b. Incorporating blacks in the organisation.
- c. Restricted increase in membership as well as funds.
- d. Basically no progress with SARS approval for donations.
- e. Increased access to primary information sources.
- f. Letters; very restricted progress and mainly from the South.
- g. Reasonable offer during recruiting to render assistance but we are not utilising it optimally.