To: The Dean, Wits University

RE: Urgent Payment Required for Consultancy Work Completed in November 2022

I am writing to express my extreme frustration and anger with Wits University's complete failure to pay me for the consultancy work I completed for ACMS between 1st November 2022 and 1st December 2022. The invoice, totaling R40,000, was submitted at the end of 2022, and despite numerous follow-ups by Prof Jo Vearey, I have received no response or payment to date.

As a longstanding and committed member of the Wits community, having been a postdoc, taught for the Anthropology department, conducted multiple research studies, and taught and supervised students at ACMS since 2010, I find the university's lack of professionalism and regard for my time and effort completely unacceptable.

The delay in payment for my consultancy work is causing significant financial strain on me and my family. As a parent to three young children, the delay has made it impossible to cover school fees and regular monthly payments, which is utterly unacceptable and has caused undue stress and hardship.

I demand that Wits University immediately takes action to rectify this issue and provides an explanation for the delay and a clear timeline for when I can expect payment. This complete lack of urgency and respect for my time and effort has left me feeling angry, frustrated, and utterly disrespected.

I hope to receive a response from Wits University immediately to confirm when I can expect to receive payment for my work.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rebecca Walker

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