

# Good To Reveal MOD Arms Deal

I TAKE this opportunity to congratulate the members of this newspaper for revealing the controversial N\$3 million arms deal. If this newspaper didn't do its job most certainly we the taxpayers would have been in the dark. A few questions need to be answered by the MoD (Ministry of Defence).

Almost a whole year has passed, yet the MoD never tried to trace the whereabouts of their cash-paid ammo. Is this normal procedure to wait so long or was the delivery date delayed? Was this the first time they'd purchased from Harvey? And why were the credentials of this company not checked? Why was the NDF officer responsible for the purchase suspended and re-instated again?

In conclusion, I have no confidence in the outcome of the "investigation" which the MoD is going to conduct against their fellow com-

rades (this has proven fruitless in the past) and in fact how can one investigate his/her own case? Bias cannot not be ruled out.

It is against this background that an independent body such as the Ombudsperson should be tasked to launch an internal investigation. The assistance of Interpol is also needed at the earliest opportunity to conduct an external investigation in order to trace these culprits. They must be known, for no deals were signed in the bush.

**Worried Taxpayer , Windhoek**

*Note: In addition to the points you made, one wonders whether departments such as National Intelligence or Military Intelligence for that matter, couldn't have played a useful role in checking the credentials of the company in question prior to MoD signing on the dotted line. - Ed*