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DWS denies any link to former SARS boss, Jonas Makwakwa

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The Department of Water and Sanitation distances itself from malicious reports that linked it to alleged corruption involving former SARS Chief Officer for Business and Individual Tax, Jonas Makwakwa.

The latest report released by law firm Hogan Lovells suggests that in 2015 the department knowingly and willingly transferred R17,8 million to New Integrated Credit Solutions (NICS) that ended up in Makwakwa's personal account.

The Department confirms that it hired NICS, the service provider as its debt collector for a 11,5% commission. Indeed, in 2015 the Department paid NICS the above percentage and the two-year contract came to an end.

The Department wishes to reiterate that it had no links with the former SARS Senior Executive or control of how NICS used the money after receiving payment from DWS for services rendered according to a valid contract. The DWS therefore denies any form of complicity in any possible corruption on this matter.

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