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Mr S. Luzipo  
Chairperson  
Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources

By email: [aboss@parliament.gov.za](mailto:aboss@parliament.gov.za)

Dear Mr Luzipo,

**RE: POSSIBLE IRREGULAR APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

Recent reports that the Minister of Mineral Resources, Mosebenzi Zwane, has appointed his Chief of Staff, Seipati Dlamini, as the new Deputy Director-General of Mineral Regulation, are deeply concerning. These reports suggest that Minister Zwane did not follow due process before appointing Ms Dlamini.

It is further understood that Ms Dlamini previously served as financial officer in the Free State Agricultural Department and was involved in irregular payments made to a Gupta-linked company for a Free State dairy project.

I therefore request that you summon the Minister to account to the Committee for the appointment by outlining precisely the procedures that were followed in this appointment.

Given the current cloud of scandal surrounding the Minister and his relationship with the Gupta family, it is vital that he account to Parliament and explain how, and why, this appointment was made. I trust that my request will be given due and proper consideration and I look forward to your reply.

Regards,

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