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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 124**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Question for *written reply* asked by Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy

**Mr. Lloyd Ganta**

**Acting Deputy Director-General: Governance and Compliance
26/07/2019**

Recommended *I* Not Recommended

**Mr Thabane Zulu
Director General: Department of Energy
26/07/2019**

Approved

**Mr S.G Mantashe
29/08/2019**
124. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:

Whether certain persons and certain companies (names and details furnished) played any role in the (a) negotiation, (b) facilitation and/or (c) finalisation of the South Sudan oil deal; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) was the role of each specified person and company in the deal, (ii) outcome was achieved by the involvement of each person and company and (iii) amount did each person and company receive in remuneration for services rendered? NW1085E

**Reply**

(a) Njock Ajuk Eyong is the CEO of Centurion Law Goup.
(b) The "Joint working committee" from SFF and Nilepet thus constituted for the "Nile-Orange Energy Project" appointed Centurion Law Firm, South Africa:-

(a)(b) to perform the function of Legal Services Advisory in order to assist with the completion and submission of Exploration Production Sharing Agreement (EPSA) after following due process.

(c) Centurion Law Firm was the only company contracted to SFF.

(i) Centurion Law Firm rendered Legal Advisory Services. The key factors considered for appointment of any law firm were knowledge and proven expertise in completing an Exploration Production Sharing Agreement in South Sudan post cessation from Sudan; Knowledge and proven expertise regarding South Sudan Upstream Legislation; Presence and local content in South Sudan and knowledge of South African laws; Easily approachable and quick turnaround time.

(ii) The Centurion Law firm appointed, delivered the set objectives, resulting in signing of Exploration production sharing agreement (EPSA) being signed on Q6th May 2019 at Juba.

(iii) Centurion Law Firm was the only company in this regard that was contracted to SFF and were paid according to the agreed contracted rates.

(c) Eric Prince did not play any role

(d) Blackwater America did not play any role

(e) Frontier Resource Group did not play any role
(f) Thiangrial Petroleum did not play any role