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Ref No: **UNLOCK2020/25**
Date : 26 January 2021

**RE: URGENT APPLICATION: HOLA BON RENAISSANCE
FOUNDATION// PRESIDENT OF S.A AND ANOTHER, CASE
No:1357/2021**

Dear MacRobert Attorneys

1. The above matter refers
2. We confirm that we have received a letter to Notice of intention to oppose on the 25 January 2021
3. We furthermore confirm that we received a letter on the 25 January 2021, ref No: Gvdm/KTD/00064664, where you indicate that if your client was intended to be cited as an interested party , notice of motion should be duly amended to exclude it from the relief sought, if your suggestion is not acceptable , an answering affidavit will be filled and an appropriate order as to costs will be Sought
4. The applicant has carefully considering the mandate and/or role of the your client "SAMRC" which among includes the following :
 - a) Research Integrity Office -
 0. Promoting of responsible conduct or research, handling of cases of possible breach of research norms and standards and possible research misconduct

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- i. Ensuring Quality assurance and data management and implement system to ensure efficiency including meeting ethical standards by all SAMRC, researchers and Scientists
- ii. Awareness creation regarding SAMRC policies and procedures, legislation, regulations and guidelines (National & International) and best practices.
- iii. We provide guidance and advice regarding international statements on research integrity. The office also facilitates training/education on good clinical practice and applied ethics to ensure compliance to regulatory requirements. To list a few

b) Research Centers

- i. The SAMRC's Research Centres, based at universities and institutions across the country, identify and gather information on leading health concerns in South Africa like Cancer, HIV, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria.
- ii. Each Centre is staffed with experts in the same field as the projects they direct. Many of these experts also work with external specialists on the research and funding of international projects. Over the years, the SAMRC's research has provided vital information that is used by the Department of Health and government for health planning and assessing progress towards realising government's objectives

c) Extramural Research Units

- i) The SAMRC's Extramural Units are external research divisions commissioned to conduct research on its behalf. This research - which includes basic laboratory investigations, clinical research and public health studies - is



undertaken by scientists employed by different South African and international science councils, medical schools, universities and research institutions that work with the SAMRC.

ii) To ensure that the SAMRC has a significant impact on improving the lives of South Africans, there is a need to ensure cohesion in the South African health research space, by not only concentrating on internal research within the SAMRC, but also reaching out to the external research community in the form of Extramural Units (EMUs).

iii) EMUs feed into the SAMRC strategic objectives by providing an integrated interdisciplinary research effort distinguished by scientific excellence and driven by a clear vision of research progress, new knowledge, new discoveries, technological developments, and the next generation of highly qualified researchers leading to national and global scientific impact for the country.

d) Intramural Unit

i) The aim of the SAMRC's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Unit is to increase knowledge in order to propose policies to decision-makers and make recommendations to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug use (ATOD) in South Africa.

ii) SAMRC's Intramural unit are the organisation internal research division which employs specialist scientist from various fields to conduct laboratory investigation, clinical research and public health studies



iii) The Unit Focus their research on the leading causes of death in South Africa which includes Tuberculosis(TB) , HIV, Non communicable diseases like cardio vascular disease and diabetes, along with alcohol abuse among others. Womens health is Key focus area

iv) The research conducted by SAMRC intramural Unit has provided the South African government and national Department of Health with the information and insight needed for the health planning and assessment

5. After consideration of the above mention role and mandate of SAMRC, the applicant has come to a decision that it will be proceeding with the application, with SAMRC as the 5th respondent
6. Furthermore that your role as the respondent should be able to assist the court and proceedings thereof
7. It be noted that the applicant in terms of Notice of Motion Part B it has sought a relief in terms of Under Rule 53(1)(a) of the Uniform Rules of Court,
8. It be furthermore noted that we have sought an alternative relief from the court which may or may not include you.
9. Your response will be highly appreciated on whether you are proceeding with your answering affidavit or not will be highly appreciated



Yours faithfully

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