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Dear Madam

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Your request for access to information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act No.2 of 2000 (the Act) dated 28 November 2001 refers.

Having carefully considered your application and having applied our mind to it, our decision is as follows:

We are unable to provide the documents requested for the following reasons:

- I. The number of documents requested is too vast. We do not have the resources or capacity to go through the contents of each and every document and evaluate the information contained therein. The work involved in carefully going through the vast quantity of documentation and processing your request would substantially and unreasonably divert our resources from our core business. The request is therefore refused in terms of section 45(b) of the Act.
- II. The documents contain information that was supplied in strict confidence by various third parties. The bulk of the information and documentation was supplied after their confidentiality was guaranteed. We are unable to breach our undertaking. Further, the nature of our work and the need to obtain information from various sources to enable us to carry out our function in the public interest may be jeopardized by our disclosure of information supplied in confidence. The request is therefore refused in terms of section 37 of the Act.
- III. The documents contain detailed information relating, inter alia, to the defence and security needs of the Republic and, apart from having

been supplied in confidence, their disclosure may also prejudice the position of the Republic in that regard. The request is therefore refused in terms of section 41(a) of the Act.

The above decision has been carefully considered in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act. Should you have sufficient grounds to disagree with my decision, please note that you may make an application to the High Court of South Africa against the above decision. The application may be made in terms of Rule 6 of the Uniform Rules of Court of the High Court of South Africa

Yours faithfully,



**SA FAKIE  
AUDITOR-GENERAL**

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