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**NLC Response to latest allegations**

The NLC notes the story published in the media on 28 January 2020, citing alleged wrongdoing by the Commission. We take this opportunity to clarify that the NLC funds non-profit organizations, and not companies as stated in the article.

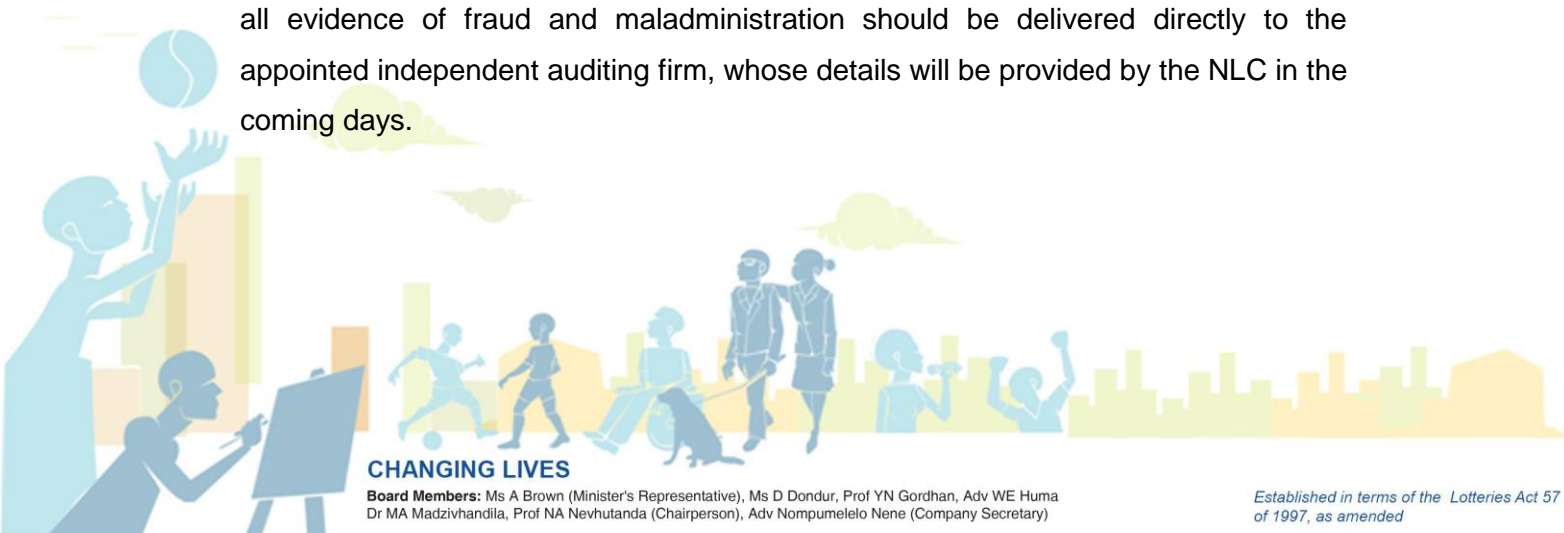
We would like to state that, according to our records the project referred to has been implemented and a closing report was provided .

The NLC would like to assure all stakeholders, beneficiaries and members of the public of the integrity of our processes and systems around regulation of lotteries and grant funding. The clean audit opinion on the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund from the Auditor General of South Africa for four consecutive years bears testament to this.

The article also focuses on the Chief Operations Officer (COO) and includes elements of his private life. The COO is currently engaged in litigation against the author of the article and Ground Up, regarding claims made about his professional conduct.

The Board of the NLC has issued a public invitation to the author and widely to members of the public to come forward with any information of fraud and corruption, which will be received by an external and independent audit firm for investigation.

The Commission encourages all stakeholders, including Raymond Joseph to provide all evidence of fraud and maladministration should be delivered directly to the appointed independent auditing firm, whose details will be provided by the NLC in the coming days.



**CHANGING LIVES**

**Board Members:** Ms A Brown (Minister's Representative), Ms D Dondur, Prof YN Gordhan, Adv WE Huma  
Dr MA Madzivhandila, Prof NA Nevhutanda (Chairperson), Adv Nompumelelo Nene (Company Secretary)

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