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NLC WELCOMES THE RECOVERY OF ASSETS BY THE SIU

15 May 2026 - The National Lotteries Commission welcomes the SIU's recovery actions, which marks an important step in safeguarding public funds and holding those responsible accountable.

The action also underscores our role as the NLC in rebuilding public confidence and trust.

The preservation order relates to an R13 million grant approved by the NLC in November 2018 for an agricultural project in Zululand District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal, intended to benefit approximately 1 900 people, including unemployed youth and elderly community members.

“We commend the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), which has obtained a preservation order from the Special Tribunal against two properties linked to funds allocated by the NLC to Malusi We Sizwe Non-Profit Company (NPC). The properties are in The Orchards and Soshanguve, Pretoria,” said NLC Commissioner, Ms. Jodi Scholtz.

We remain firmly committed to strengthening governance, restoring credibility, and rebuilding public confidence and trust in the NLC.

“This case highlights the human cost of corruption—funds intended to uplift vulnerable communities were misused, delaying real impact on the ground. We are determined to ensure that resources are protected and redirected to where they are needed most, so communities can realise the development and opportunities they were promise,” said NLC Board Chairperson, Professor Barney Pityana.

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