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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the decisive action by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) and the Special Tribunal in securing the recovery of R2 427 333.30 from Nozihle Construction and Projects CC that unlawfully benefited from a COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) tender awarded by the Mpumalanga Department of Health in 2020.

The Tribunal's ruling, delivered on 29 September 2025, found the contract unlawful and invalid, as the company was not licensed by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) to supply medical devices. This judgement is a significant step towards restoring accountability and deterring corruption in public procurement. The PSA applauds the SIU's persistence in ensuring that funds unlawfully paid are returned to the state and that those who exploited emergency procurement processes face consequences.

This ruling sends a strong message that corruption will not be tolerated, especially in sectors meant to protect lives during a crisis. Public servants and citizens suffered the consequences of PPE corruption through shortages, inflated prices, and compromised safety during the pandemic.

The PSA urges the Mpumalanga Department of Health and other provincial departments to strengthen procurement oversight and ensure that only qualified and compliant suppliers are engaged. The PSA further calls for disciplinary and criminal action against officials involved in authorising irregular contracts. Corruption in the public service undermines service delivery and the trust of South Africans in government institutions.

The PSA is committed to advocating for clean governance, transparency, and protecting the public purse.

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