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Red Roses Africa (Pty) Ltd (formerly Mainstreet 699 (Pty) Ltd) (registration number: 2008/021420/07) ("**RRA**") was, on 1 April 2020, a successful bidder for the supply of masks and sanitisers to SAPS as was reported in the media.

**RRA** also believes that the SAPS, National Treasury, Competition Commission ("**CompCom**") and the Auditor General also reviewed the award.

**RRA** confirms that the evaluation and award of the SAPS tender and all other PPE tenders awarded were fully compliant with the emergency procurement process approved by the National Treasury per Instruction Note 8 dated 19 March 2020 ("**Instruction note #8**"), following the announcement of the National State Of Disaster on 15 March 2020.

**RRA** further confirms that its pricing was within the National Treasury Transversal prices as per **Instruction Note #8**.

**RRA** also confirms that it did not, at any time participate in, nor was it guilty of, price gauging at any time. On **05 May 2020**, SAPS referred **RRA's** and other supply contract pricing to the Competitions Commission for investigation; **CompCom** received **RRA's** full co-operation between May 2020 to July 2020 when **CompCom's** in-depth and exhaustive investigation was conducted.

**RRA** finally confirms that **CompCom** has not made any adverse findings against **RRA** following the **CompCom** investigation.

**RRA** also notes that the Auditor General and the National Treasury would have also reviewed the tender/quotation evaluation, contract awarded to **RRA** (including **RRA's** pricing) as part of their oversight, and at no stage have any allegations of wrongdoing been made against **RRA** by these organs of State.

**RRA** asserts, clearly and unequivocally, that its tender award and pricing was lawful and legitimate. **RRA** would welcome and fully co-operate **again** with any further investigation by any government institution so empowered.