

Attention: Nicky Troll c/o Carte Blanche  
Per Email: [REDACTED]

Date : 15 July 2022  
Your Ref :  
Our Ref : SP.0001/S.Mungul

***“WITHOUT PREJUDICE”***

Dear Madam,

**RE: CARTE BLANCHE INTERVIEW PERTAINING TO ALLEGATIONS  
REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF SION PRIVATE ACADEMY'S  
CLEARWATER CAMPUS**

1. The above matter refers.
2. In our letter to you dated 14 July 2022:
  - a. we made you aware that we have been mandated to act on behalf of Mrs. Ulandi Senekal and Mr. Hannes Senekal, (collectively referred to as '*our clients*'); and
  - b. requested that you provide us with a list of questions which you intend to put to our clients during the proposed on-camera interview.
3. On 15 July 2022, and pursuant to our aforementioned request, you furnished our offices with the list of questions ('*your questions*').
4. Our clients' failure to address any particular aspect in your questions, or in relation to this matter, should under no circumstances whatsoever be construed as an acceptance, admission or acquiescence of the correctness thereof and all our

clients' rights remain reserved to deal with same at the appropriate time and in the appropriate forum.

5. We understand our clients' instructions and their responses to be as follows:

*5.1 When did the Sion Clearwater Campus start operating?*

5.1.1 Clearwater Campus commenced operating in conjunction with Private Academy during or about 2017 and did not operate as an individual entity.

*5.2 Does the Clearwater Campus meet all regulatory requirements in terms of EMIS registration and Umalusi accreditation?*

5.2.1 Sion is fully compliant with all the requirements of the Gauteng Department of Education and is duly registered with the Sacai Exam Board.

5.2.2 Umalusi Self Evaluation has been completed and is currently awaiting to move from green status to full accreditation status.

*5.3 Please can you share the correct EMIS number for Clearwater Campus and when the registration process was completed?*

5.3.1 The EMIS number is 700104025.

*5.4 Is that EMIS number different to the EMIS number for Sion Private Academy operating from a different campus?*

5.4.1 There is one EMIS number.

5.4.2 Sion Private Academy is located at and operating from the Clearwater Campus.

*5.5 Please can you share the status of specifically the Clearwater Campus' Umalusi Accreditation?*

5.5.1 Sion is currently on green status fully compliant for NSC. The self evaluation has been completed and our clients are awaiting a site visit for full accreditation.

*5.6 Both the Gauteng Department of Education and Umalusi have in recent weeks confirmed in writing that Sion Clearwater does not comply – how do you respond?*

5.6.1 This is inaccurate.

5.6.2 Mr. Caleb Leolo from the Gauteng Department of Education sent an email to Taryn Matthew and he has no insight nor authority to confirm or deny registration, as he is affiliated with the ES district in SASAMS devising, which deals with internal reporting.

5.6.3 Only Head Office can confirm or deny registration.

*5.7 Are all Clearwater Educator Staff qualified with the necessary degrees and SACE registrations as required by the SACE Act?*

5.7.1 All educators at Sion are fully compliant in terms of the SACE Act.

5.7.2 All relevant personnel are compliant for the roles they are designated to.

*5.8 Can you confirm how many of your educators have completed professional teaching qualifications together with full professional SACE registration? Please can you provide their details.*

5.8.1 In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, ("POPI Act"), the personal details of personnel cannot be disclosed by our clients, without the prior written consent of the individuals.

5.8.2 This list can be provided by SACE.

5.8.3 All educators have the necessary SACE numbers.

5.9 *Please can you confirm the qualification and year of qualification; age; years of teaching experience; current position and teaching field at Sion for the following teachers: Donavan Kemp, Chane Pieters, Tamryn van der Kaay C Oelofse, O Coetzee, Megan Senekal, Shannon Botha:*

5.9.1 In terms of the POPI Act, the personal details of personnel cannot be disclosed by our clients, without the prior written consent of the individuals.

5.10 *Some children that have left Sion and have started at new schools have been assessed and been found that their level of education was not appropriate for their grade. How do you respond?*

5.10.1 The question is vague in the extreme.

5.10.2 Without being provided with the details of who assessed which children, as well as not being provided with the details of the outcome of such assessments, our clients cannot be expected to provide a proper response to this bald statement, which is nothing short of a unsubstantiated conclusion.

5.11 *Why do you believe that statements that you deem unfounded being made against your school? [sic]*

5.11.1 There appears to be a misunderstanding and confusion regarding the accreditation process coupled with the fact the Private Academy is located at and operates from the Clearwater Campus.

5.12 *How would you like to see the matter resolved?*

5.12.1 Our clients would like the judicial process to run its course and for a Judge to make a determination on the issues after considering all the evidence.

6. Accordingly, insofar as your request to hold an “*on-camera*” interview with our client, as your questions have been dealt with herein, our clients do not deem it necessary to engage in an on-camera interview at this point.
7. In the circumstances and in so far as you intend to produce and broadcast any information concerning the subject matter of your questions, we call upon you to incorporate and bring the full contents of this letter to the attention of your viewers to ensure a fair and balanced programme and avoid sensationalism. Two high court cases are pending, where the issues will be fully ventilated and adjudicated upon in due course.
8. We reiterate that all our clients’ remain reserved and no action or omission by us or our client should under any circumstances be construed as a waiver (expressly or by implication) of any of their rights.

Kind Regards,

**BOSMAN MUNGUL INC**

Per: S.Mungul

*{unsigned due to electronic submission}*