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TO ALL NEWS EDITORS

MEDIA RELEASE

Khato Civils (Pty) Ltd (Hereinafter, "the Company"), and, Mr. Simbi Phiri (Hereinafter, "the Chairman"), have noted the media release by the Umbrella For Democratic Change (UDC), dated the, 21st October, 2021, widely circulated, among others, on social media. Khato Civils (Pty) Ltd, and their Chairman are disappointed that while the UDC, were offered a peace overture to retract the defamatory statements in their earlier media release, the same have maintained their poise, and made further accusations against the company. The Company, and its Chairman, maintain their stance that they will not be bullied out of the space in which they are trading, by untrue statements which have the effect of inciting public sentiment against them.

The Company, and its Chairman, wish to make it clear to the public that it was never its wish to find itself embroiled in legal battles with the UDC, or any political party, for that matter. The Company and its Chairman, prefer to be partners in national development, and to stay out of the political sphere. However, the circumstances are such that inaction, on the part of the company, or its Chairman, would have the effect of legitimizing the defamatory utterances made, and same may be misconstrued to be true. The reputation of the Company, and that of its Chairman, are its stock in trade, and constitute the bedrock upon which its success, built over decades, was achieved. It is something its business partners, including financial institutions, demand as a precondition for any form of association. As such, same is guarded very jealously, and resolutely.

It has therefore become imperative, for the Company, and its Chairman, to place the matter before court, in order that the allegations made by the UDC, may be definitively tried. It is hoped that the UDC will have a perfect platform for adducing proof of the allegations it has made. The Company and its Chairman would finally be in a position, to clear their names.

The Company, and its Chairman, wish to reiterate that they are open to public and law enforcement scrutiny, on the Masama-Mmamashia Project.

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Consistent with its earlier statement, Khato Civils, and its Chairman, will be commencing legal process against the UDC, as soon as legal counsel has been taken on the matter. Service, will be effected upon the party in terms of the rules of court.

Out of respect for the ensuing legal process, Khato Civils (Pty) Ltd will cease further commentary on the matter, as same would be *sub judice*.

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