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Integritron Integrated Solutions (IIS) rejects “R378m prison tender scandal”

We would like to place on record that IIS has not received any communication, engagement or documentation from Tshitangano or the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), and therefore IIS have not been afforded the opportunity to defend its position.

IIS is not able to further comment on the IIMS (Integrated Inmate Management System) contract due to confidentiality limitations in the contract with the DCS. DCS have also eluded to this fact in the media and have stated that they will continue to engage with Treasury.

In the spirit of transparency we have decided to share with the public more detailed information about The South African Security Solutions and Technology Group (SASSTEC).

SASSTEC primarily operates in the integrated security solutions industry. Group companies operating in this industry are SA Fence & Gate, IIS, Civil-Quip Plant & Equipment Hire and Tavhara Manufacturing. XI Systems is the latest addition.

In the five calendar years from 2011 to 2015, the SASSTEC Group collectively has recorded a turnover of between R300 million and R500 million per annum. This constitutes revenue from the Public and Private sector. The Group employs 1200 people, and in the period stipulated has directly contributed in excess of R200 million to the South African Fiscus.

During this five year period the group has been awarded only three contracts in the Public Sector with a value exceeding R50 million. These contracts were the DCS SF02 – security fencing around 27 prisons in February 2012, H0/SEM/225/11/2011 PRASA eight depots nationally, in December 2012 and the H02/2015 DCS IIMS in November 2015.

In this same time frame we have not been awarded any contracts from Eskom in excess of R50 million. We have submitted unsuccessful tenders to the total value of at least R15 billion in the Public Sector during this five year period. At no stage did we attempt to leverage our membership of the Progressive Business Forum to assist in winning these “lost” tenders. To our best knowledge it is not possible to leverage PBF membership in this manner. We are one PBF member of at least 6000 businesses.

When this is considered in context it is clear that our position hardly constitutes “state capture” as is implied in the media. This however, does not take away from our competitive ability and desire to ensure that all our contractual obligations are honoured in accordance with stipulated deliverables as we have been doing for the past 22 years.

We are confident that we will be vindicated by the objective facts, as we have been in previous matters where individuals with nefarious motives were exposed.

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