



## **EFF STATEMENT ON CYRIL RAMAPHOSA AND CR17 FUNDER, CEO OF SYGNIA MADGA WIERZYCKA, INVOLVEMENT IN PROCUREMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINE**

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The EFF notes the shocking revelations that a CR17 funder, Sygnia CEO Magda Wierzycka from Europe, is involved as a middleman in the procurement of COVID-19 vaccine for the Department of Health. Since his election by the National Assembly as a President, Cyril Ramaphosa has lined up all his funders, mainly white Europeans, to reward them with state assets and contracts.

Magda is therefore at the centre of the COVID-19 vaccine procurement which has already proven useless as it will fail to stop the immediate spread of COVID-19. She is one of many instances of accumulation by dispossession used to line the pockets of greedy capitalists through their prepaid puppet president Ramaphosa.

The EFF warned that the unfolding corruption under the leadership of Cyril Ramaphosa will result in massive sufferings and deaths amongst our people. These companies that are being contracted to procure and deliver COVID-19 vaccines do not have the interest of South Africans and their lives at heart. Instead, their priority, and only priority is profit at all costs, while our people are dying. They were appointed under the guise of competence and efficiency, but the reality is that they are equally corrupt and incompetent.

The EFF has written an urgent letter to the President and the Minister of Health to disclose comprehensive details of the involvement of Sygnia and Madga Wierzycka in the procurement of COVID-19 vaccine.

The Minister of Health refusal to answer questions raised by Members of the EFF in the Portfolio Committee on Health in Parliament is nonsensical and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms as an effort to subvert the basis of our

democracy and its constitutional accountability mechanisms. The behaviour of the Minister is a red flag given the industrial-scale looting that is happening in the name of fighting COVID-19 across the country. The EFF fully appreciates the need to use regulations as part of the state of emergency to respond to the pandemic. However, this is not a license to run public and state affairs as though they are secretive arrangements between private corporations, totally disregarding the constitution and its accountability prescripts.

The EFF will write to the Speaker of the National Assembly urgently to request that the National Assembly Programming Committee (NAPC) schedule a sitting to discuss the Minister's failure to answer pertinent questions in Parliament based on nonsensical Non-Disclosure Agreement. We will further demand that another meeting be scheduled this week for the Minister of Health to answer all questions he refused to answer during the portfolio committee meeting.

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