

22 August 2020

**To: Senior Journalist  
Carte Blanche**

**Dear Mr Beamish**

I, Prof. Warwick Sauer, emphatically deny that I have ever received R 100 000 (or in fact invoiced and received any amount) per meeting I attended in respect of the Van der Kloof Dam Project (Project) commissioned by the North West Provincial Government. Any allegation to the contrary is false and devoid of any truth. However, I did claim subsistence and travel in line with the Rhodes University system for such claims. To demonstrate my *bona fides*, I am requesting scrutiny by Carte Blanche and/or their auditors on every bank account in my name, in the name of close relatives, including my spouse, and any other bank account associated with me. I have nothing to hide. I demand that Carte Blanche refrains from broadcasting any program in which I am mentioned by name prior to accepting my offer of perusing and/or auditing all the said bank accounts and carrying out such perusal and/or audit.

In addition, I am prepared to state under oath in a written affidavit that all the bank account details provided by me are indeed all such bank accounts as stated *supra*. In the event that Carte Blanche does not accept, or ignores, my offer to peruse and audit all the said bank accounts, and still proceeds to broadcast on television during any Carte Blanche program on Sunday night 30th August 2020, and/or any other day of the week, any programme in which I am mentioned by name to have allegedly benefited in any way in a financially inappropriate manner, including as the recipient of R 100 000 per meeting in respect of the Project, I will institute legal action against the Producer of this story, Carte Blanche, and those persons associated with the programme, for defamation of character. To broadcast falsehoods on national television is not in the public interest and will cause me irreparable harm in both my professional and personal capacity.

Yours faithfully,

