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Department of Water and Sanitation
157 Francis Baard Street
Pretoria
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17 May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Abacus Financial Crime Advisory response to specification for appointment of a professional support for testifying at the disciplinary hearings relating to the subsistence and travel claims system

We refer to the request for quotation (RFQ) received from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on 15 May 2023.

On behalf of Abacus Financial Crime Advisory Proprietary Limited (Abacus), we have the pleasure in submitting our response to the RFQ for the appointment of a professional support to DWS to testifying at the disciplinary hearings of the officials accused of defrauding DWS through the subsistence and travel claims system.

We understand that, following our investigation report, dated 28 November 2022, relating to the travel claims irregularities investigated by us, DWS has instituted disciplinary action against the officials implicated in the report. As such, DWS requires us to provide one resource to testify during the disciplinary hearings. Below are the proposed rates, as per the 90 hours estimated by DWS:

Resources	Nicole Matongera
Hourly rate (100 hours)	R900.00
Rate per kilometre (500km)	R4.64
Subtotal	R83 320.00
VAT (15%)	R12 498
Total	R95 818.00

We confirm that we are entitled to recover actual hours worked. As such, if the estimated 90 hours as provided by DWS is insufficient, we reserve the right to amend our quotation.

Yours faithfully



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