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**21 July 2016**

A. The Provincial Commissioner  
South African Police Service  
**WESTERN CAPE**

**Attention: Lieutenant General KE Jula**

B. The Deputy Provincial Commissioner  
Management Intervention  
**WESTERN CAPE**

**Attention: Major General HS Burger**

## **REPORT: QUERIES BY MAJOR GENERAL BURGER ON PROJECT IMPI**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** An enquiry related to what later became Project IMPI was registered in August 2013 after source information indicated that SAPS members were supplying firearms to gangs and ballistic analyses detected a pattern of similar alterations of identifying marks on the firearms linked to gang violence in gang flashpoint areas so affected at the time included Lavender Hill, Hanover Park, Grassy Park, Manenberg, Delft, Elsie's River, Blue Downs/Eerste River, etc.
- 1.2** A project team was formed under the auspices of Operation Combat with Major General JA Vearey as overall commander, Major General PA Jacobs as Intelligence Commander, and Captain C Ontong as lead investigator. A copy of the file was also kept at the office of the Provincial Commissioner
- 1.3** All feedback and correspondence related to the project was kept at the office of Major General PA Jacobs for safekeeping and another copy at the office of the Provincial Commissioner, Major General JA Vearey served as the inspecting officer of case dockets linked to the project

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- 1.4 In December 2014, Major General JA Vearey and Major General PA Jacobs briefed Lieutenant General Phiyega then (NASCOM) on Operation IMPI. At this meeting NASCOM declared Project IMPI a national project that would be led by Major General PA Jacobs and Major General JA Vearey until its conclusion.
- 1.5 On 11 January 2015, Major General JA Vearey, Major General PA Jacobs and Captain Ontong briefed the Minister of Police Mr. NPT Nhleko on Project IMPI on instruction of NASCOM at his Plein Street office.
- 1.6 On 14 August 2015, Major General JA Vearey and Major General PA Jacobs attended a briefing to the Portfolio Committee on Police with NASCOM on Operation Combat that included matters related to Operation IMPI.
- 1.7 In 2015 the team detected that SANDF firearms earmarked for destruction and Heritage firearms were also being illegally sold by SAPS members. This led to consultations between Major General JA Vearey and Major General PA Jacobs and Generals from the SANDF. This resulted in the allocation of Military Intelligence support to Operation IMPI.
- 1.8 Major General JA Vearey and Major General PA Jacobs also briefed the new Acting National Commissioner Lieutenant Pahlane on Operation IMPI at the Winchester Hotel in Sea Point soon after his appointment in 2015.
- 1.9 As evident above, Operation IMPI is therefore not provincial in operational scope, but National in its strategic reach and impact. Throughout its duration, feedback was provided to the office of both the National and Provincial Commissioners in a manner so as not to compromise sensitive investigation and intelligence processes involved.

**2. CURRENT SITUATION**

- 2.1 On 21 June 2016, ex-SAPS Colonel Prinsloo was sentenced on one of the cases related to Operation IMPI (Parow CAS 73/05/15) to 46 years imprisonment reduced to 18 years concurrently on 13 charges including, managing a criminal racket, corruption, theft, possession of illegal and prohibited firearms, sale of illegal firearms, illegal altering firearms, money laundering, etc.
- 2.2 As per SAPS Ballistic Audit dated 5 June 2016, illegal firearms supplied by ex-SAPS Colonel Prinsloo was ballistically linked to 2784 crimes in the Western Cape province that include 1066 murders, 1403 attempted murders and 315 other crimes for the period 2010 to 2016.

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- 2.3 It must be noted that this statistic will be adjusted upwards as more cases from both before 2010 and after 2016 are linked in future. In this regard Prinsloo indicated to Major General J Vearey and Captain Ontong during his interrogation in the presence of his legal counsel that he had supplied approximately 2000 firearms since 2006 from the Silverton FLASH store where he was stationed, to an Irshaad Laher in the Western Cape. He also identified an ex-heritage inspector and arms dealer named Alan Raves as someone to whom he had supplied 400 firearms.
- 2.4 To date 888 of the illegal firearms Prinsloo has supplied to Irshaad Laher have been recovered. On Prinsloo's count of 2000 firearms, there is therefore 1012 outstanding that are still likely to be used in the commission of gang related violence on the Cape Flats.
- 2.5 On 22 July 2016 Irshaad Laher and Alan Raves will appear on Parow CAS 73/05/15 when the case will likely be remanded for a future High Court date.
- 2.6 More arrests on Project IMPI can be expected.

3. **CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 Major General H Burger's enquiry as per annexure dated 5 July 2016 raises questions which assume that Operation IMPI follows normal project protocol as envisaged in the OCTA guidelines of 2014 with specified end dates, feedback, questions around the "full time" or "part time" involvement of IMPI project personnel.
- 3.2 In determining the above the following need to be taken into account:
- Feedback on Project IMPI was set by NASCOM as a direct line of reportage from Major General JA Vearey and Major General PA Jacobs.
  - Given that a SAPS member was convicted of managing a criminal racket in which he supplied firearms illegally that were not only previously under SAPS custody, but also used in the commission of 2784 violent crimes in the Western Cape, all information and evidence generated by Project IMPI, must by its very nature be classified beyond the purview of normal feedback channels.
  - As indicated by both Major General J Vearey and Major General P Jacobs in the 11 January 2015 briefing to the Minister of Police Mr NPT Nhleko and the NASCOM on Project IMPI, the implications for both civil litigation against and criminal liability of the part of the SAPS members in this matter is of national concern. This therefore requires strict application of the need to know principle in both command nodes and form of feedback. This was duly instructed as per operational protocol by the NASCOM thereafter.

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- 3.3 As previously instructed by the NASCOM in 2014 and not changed in any instructions to date, Project IMPI must continue until all firearm that was in SAPS custody supplied by the Prinsloo criminal racket to gangs and others in the Western Cape, have been retrieved. This also applies to the solving every crime linked to these firearms for which the SAPS might be regarded as both criminally and civilly liable.
- 3.4 In the light of the above I propose that the project be evaluated on a six-monthly recurring cycle against its recovery of the outstanding 1012 firearms, the solving of the currently linked 2784 crimes, as well as any crimes linked after the SAPS Ballistic Audit dated 5 June 2016.
- 3.5 In future appreciated that all enquiries on this matter be directed at the Overall Commander of Project IMPI Major General JA Vearey, and its Intelligence Commander Major General PA Jacobs as per official protocol and not third parties. I am clearly identified as such in my application for extension of Project IMPI as signed under my name on 2016-06-13. The other signatory is Major General PA Jacobs who is currently on leave.

  
**MAJOR GENERAL**  
**OVERALL COMMANDER: PROJECT IMPI**  
**J A VEAREY**  
**SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE**  
**CLUSTER COMMANDER**  
**CAPE TOWN**  
Date: 2016 -07- 2 1  
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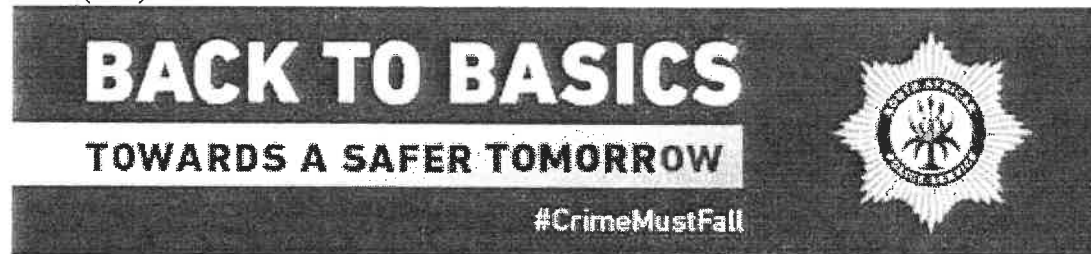
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**Col Ockhuis**

1. Attached, for your attention please.
2. Kindly provide expenditure provide expenditure budget as indicated in paragraph 4.4.

Respectfully

**J N Jacobs**  
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2016-07-18

**FOR ATTENTION: MAJ GEN JA VEAREY (OVERALL COMMANDER – PROJECT IMPI)**  
**ENQ: CAPT ONTONG**

1. The Acting Provincial Commissioner, Maj Gen Burger, has sent queries before the approval of the extension plan of Project Impi.
2. Please find the queries attached to this e-mail.
3. Your assistance, as the Overall Project Commander is respectfully requested to answer the queries, especially the query pertaining to feedback and or progress reports to the Provincial Commissioner.
4. The following with regards to the Queries in numerical order (of the original Queries)

- 4.1 The Original Project was kept at the Crime Intelligence offices, but it was confirmed that a copy is at the PC's office.
- 4.2 The updates and feedback was directly given by Maj Gen Vearey and Maj Gen Jacobs directly to the PC. This office (Investigation leg) did not handle overall feedback reports combining the multi-faceted project that included all the components involved. Assistance with this query is thus needed.

- 4.3 The **full-time** investigators and DFO's on the project are:

Captain Ontong (lead Investigator)

Captain Sampson (DFO)

W/O Petersen (DFO)

W/O Williams

Sgt Wagenaar

Sgt Hlako

Sgt Ludada

Sgt Smith (DFO)

Sgt Prins (DFO)

Sgt Tukani (DFO)

**Part-time:**

Crime Intelligence Personnel

Legal Services

Operation Combat Vispol Personnel (10 members utilized during search and seizure operations and transportation of prisoners/court safety)

- 4.3.1 It serves to mention that the Overall Commander is Maj Gen Vearey and the Intelligence Commander is Maj Gen Jacobs.

4.4 No base-line was provided for the budget and an estimate was used on projected needs for the duration of the extension. It serves to mention that the project was intelligence driven and the needs changed as information/intelligence was received. An expenditure report was however taken to the office of the PC.

5. The next court date is 22 July 2016 and the case will probably be remanded for a High Court date, this may also change as a new accused was added on 23 June 2016 and he has the right to properly prepare himself before a High Court date is provided.
6. Thank you for your assistance.

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B: **THE ACTING PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: MAJ GEN BURGER**

1. Copy for your information.

*Respectfully,*

CAPTAIN CLIVE J ONTONG  
COMMANDER, FIREARMS INVESTIGATION SECTION  
SPECIFIC CRIMES: WESTERN CAPE

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**INVESTIGATING AND RECOVERING**

### Questions:

- ① Where is original approved Project plan? Is a copy available?
- ② When was the last updated status report submitted to the
- ③ Which of the Stakeholders are:
  - 3.1 Full-time
  - 3.2 Part-time involved with the project. Please take into consideration my visit away 1 and the time frames provided when responding
- ④ The budget for subsistence and travel allowance is the same than with previous extension. If no expenditure reported in feedback provided and if so is current budget based on that base time?

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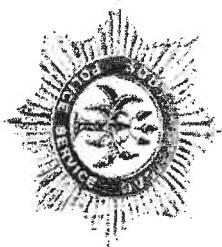


START DATE

2016.06.01

END DATE

2016.12.31



**SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE**

**EXTENTION PLAN  
IMPI  
HERITAGE**


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***IN AID OF: Operation Combat***

1. AIM OF THE PROJECT

1.1 The Current Problem / Deficiency  
Smuggling of prohibited firearms to and within the Western Cape.

1.2 How this project will address the Problem / Deficiency  
Prosecution of identified distributors of the prohibited firearms and identification of possible consignments of stored firearms which have not been distributed yet.



2. SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The project team will comprise of investigators, a support component, analysts, DPO, financial investigator and an inspection team.

This is an extension of Project Impi: Heritage that was approved on 2015-03-31 and could however not be completed within the initial time frame. An extension of three months is needed to complete the project, because of additional information that came to light during investigations and must be followed up to secure a conviction.

Investigation team:

Interview and arrest identified perpetrators and place before court on charges of racketeering and contraventions of the Firearm Act and establish possible gang affiliation of (or assistance to the gang by the) specific perpetrator.

Support component:

Render support functions to ensure the efficient execution of the project at minimal cost with maximum output. Inspection of resources in terms of optimal utilization.

Analysts:

Prioritize ballistic examinations of seized firearms.

Supply expert advice to the investigation team in terms of firearms and the possible ways to alter the firearms' ballistic signature.

Assist with the physical examination of the identified premises where alteration of firearms may take place.

Prioritize reports of firearms already identified and analyzed.

Analyze all data applicable to the investigation.

DPO

Identify discrepancies at the Firearm Stores with regards to line functions and packing notes.

Assist with identification of firearms which were previously in SAPS custody that should have been destroyed.

Identify documents with evidential value and provide statements in respect of correct and incorrect procedures at the identified Stores.

Financial investigator

Conduct a financial investigation on the identified perpetrators, identify property for possible asset forfeiture and work in conjunction with the Asset Forfeiture unit of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Legal Advisor

Supply legal advice and render a legal opinion in the drafting of legal documents in during the investigation.  
Assist in any Civil Court proceedings that may arise and assist in the appointing of external Council to represent SAPS.

Inspection team:

Coordinate target dates by means of monthly inspections of all case dockets and other documentation.



**3. SAPS STRATEGY, OBJECTIVE, PRIORITY AND SUB-PRIORITY SUPPORTED BY THIS PROJECT**

Strategy	Objective	Priority	Sub-Priority
Crime detection and intelligence gathering.	To identify and eliminate the threat of firearm smuggling within SAPS.	All Priority Crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murder</li> <li>• Attempted murder</li> <li>• Charges under the Firearms Control Act</li> </ul>

**4. STAKEHOLDERS**

**PROJECT MANAGER**

**Name** PA Jacobs  
**Rank** Maj Gen  
**Component** Crime Intelligence  
**E-Mail Address** [Wc.ci.mio@saps.gov.za](mailto:Wc.ci.mio@saps.gov.za)  
**Physical Address** Disa Court, Myrtle Road  
 Bishop Lavis

**PROJECT TEAM**

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Col	Visser	Analysis	082 779 8723	
Col	Esterhuizen	Analysis	072 574 8864	
Col	Jojo	Legal advisor		
Maj	Allen	Support	079 894 1585	<a href="mailto:wc.ci.mio@saps.gov.za">wc.ci.mio@saps.gov.za</a>
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Capt	Sampson	DPO	082 469 2934	
Capt	Williams	Crime Intelligence		

Const	Van Reenen	Financial Investigator	084 626 5029
Sgt	Ludada	Investigator	082 379 0034
W/O	Williams		082 498 7697
W/O	September	Investigator	
Sgt	Wagenaar	Investigator	
Sgt	Hlako	Investigator	
W/O	September	DPO	
Sgt	Prins	DPO	
Sgt	Smith	DPO	
Sgt	Tukani	DPO	

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**KEY RESULT AREA 1 : Elimination of specific firearm smuggling within SAPS**

**OBJECTIVE: Successful prosecution of identified suspects.**

KEY OUTPUTS	ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAMES	RESPONSIBLE PERSONS	COSTS	REMARKS
1. Prepare evidence for court purposes.	1.1 Complete Investigation Prepare dockets for court readiness	2016.06.01 till 2016.07.20	Capt Ontong		Main docket and 84 relating dockets.
	1.2 Produce reports on ballistic testing.	completed	Col Visser		Completed / consultations with DPP (No dates yet)
	1.3 Interview and charge identified perpetrators in firearm smuggling racket	2016.06.01 till 2016.07.20	Capt Ontong		Perpetrators/suspects linked to Indicator 1.1
	1.4 Consultation with DPP.	2016.06.01 till 2016.12.01	Capt Ontong		Adv S Riley (Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions) and Adv C De Jong
	1.5 Analysis of all data	completed	Col Esterhuizen		Completed / consultations with DPP (No dates yet)
	1.6 Financial investigation	2016.06.01 till 2016.10.30	Const Van Reenen		Newly identified suspects only
2. Court readiness	2.1 Complete all chain evidence.	completed	Capt Ontong		DPP consultation outstanding
	2.2 Identify further witnesses and obtain statements.	2016.06.01 till 2016.07.20	Capt Ontong		Main docket

2.3	Ensure all exhibits are analyzed and all forensic reports are filed.	completed	Capt Ontong	Main docket
2.4	Identify packing notes that links perpetrators.	completed	Capt Sampson	Completed / consultations with DPP (No dates yet)
2.5	Identify packing notes that links perpetrators.	completed	Capt Sampson	All identified cases
2.6	Supply statement and reports	completed	Col Esterhuizen	Completed / consultations with DPP (No dates yet)
2.7	Supply all bank statements and all supporting statements	2016: 06.01 till 2016: 10.30	Const Van Reenen	Shaheen Tickley Irshaad Laher

**LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Motivation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Subsistence and Travel allowance	Inter-provincial investigation.	R250 000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>R250 000.00</b>



COMMENTS: TEAM LEADER

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DETECTIVE CAPTAIN

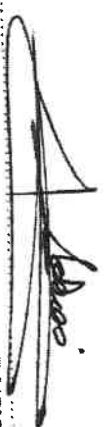
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CJ ONTONG

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PROVINCIAL COMMANDER: SPECIFIC SRIMES  
WESTERN CAPE  
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DATE: 2016/6/13.



COMMENTS: PROJECT MANAGER

The project is aimed in reducing the illegal supply of firearms to gangs

PROVINCIAL HEAD CRIME INTELLIGENCE MAJOR GENERAL  
RAJACOBS



DATE:

2016/06/13

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MAJOR GENERAL  
a/DEPUTY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: CRIME DETECTION  
JA VEAREY



DATE:

2016/06/13



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PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: WESTERN CAPE  
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