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Black contractors threaten court action

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new prlsons

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Johannesburg â\200\224 The National Black Contractors Forum threatened yesterday to take the public works department to court over the tender adjudicating process for the construction of the new prisons, which will be prlvately built and operated.

The prisons are to be built from the first quarter of next year, and operated and maintained over the next 25 years in deals with a value of R10,7 billion, according to Kobie Willemse, the forum'â\200\231s secretary-general.

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Public works announced the five short-listed bidders in August, and the forum was not among them. Willemse said the shortlisted companies were all â\200\234people with powerâ\200\235. He alleges that the department was supposed to submit all documentation to the State Tender Board but did not do so.

â\200\234The department withheld information, and the State Tender Board practically signed blank cheques for the departmentâ\200\231s ratification process/â\200\231 said Willemse.

Killian Masipa, the chief di-

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He said the public works department conducted the tender bid without reference to several acts, rendering the process illegal. The forum represents about 600 contractors from small, medium,.

and micro-enterprises
spanning services,con-
struction services, :
goods and technology.

Willemse said
Sipho Mzimela, the
minister of correction-
al services, circumvented the
procurement principle when he
tabled a bill in parliament. The

National Black Contractors -

Forum intended to apply for legal
aid to challenge Mzimelaâ\200\231s ac-
tions in the Constitutional Court.

He said the bureaucrats relied
on â\200\234old-lineâ\200\235, larger-established
firms in a competitive bidding
process, rather than smaller, less
well-known competitors.

The forum submitted its pro-
posal as a joint venture between
it and the National Corrections

. Corporation of Columbia, South

Carolina, a US company that

Sipho Mzimela

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rector of assets, procurement
and operational partnerships at
public works, said the
value of the contract to
build and operate the
prisons had not yet
_been established be-
cause there was no con-
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ate body that works
accordmg to regulations and will

not approve anything that does -

not comply.â\200\235

The correctional service venture is the largest private-public - sectar. partnership .in South. s Africa to date:

Masipa said even the bjg names had amalgamated with many small companies, or they would not have made the short-list. More than 30 submissions had been put through for the five projects. He said a question and answer forum had taken place with all unsuccessful bidders, which Willemse had attended.

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BUYA ngokuba mumcu ubudlelwano phakathi

kwePhini likaSihlalo kaZwelonke weNkatha

â\200\234Freedom Party futhi onguNgqongqoshe wezo-'

kuQondiswa kweziMilo kuHulumeni oMkhulu, -

uDr Sipo Mzimela, namanye amalungu aqavile ,
eqembu lakhe, kusukela ekuphumelen! kwa-

khe qekelele eshashalazini ekhuthaza ubu-˜

mbano olugcwele phakathi kwe-IFP ne-ANC.

UDr Mzimela ulibeka ngesihloko elokuthi uhlobo
lombumbano akhuluma ngalo okusilona lolo lobudie-
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mabili la magembu ashabalale kusungulwe igembu

* elilodwa. :

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ukwehlukana phakathi kwe-IIgP ne-ANC angjsasiboni
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ezimbalwa eMsakazweni wesiZulu ezikhulumela yena
ngqo.

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lana nekusasa likaDr Mzim:%: ku-(}.FP nâ\200\230ejng%ba uKd-
gwamanda ubuhlangene Ondini nje. Bese limiswe
ngesihloko kwezinye izinhlangothi elokuthi noma ka-
njani uyoxoshwa eqemjini.

Nokho ILANGA lithole ukuthi noma udaba luka-
Dr Mzimela luye lwenekwa ezithebeni, kodwa kuphe-
the ngokuba kunqunywe ukuthi seluyoze ludingidwe

ngokugwelcymhlaka 24 no 25 Januwari ngonyaka
ozayo. .

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. pha sithi uMgwamanda ubalule lo

u okulandelayo:

* izincwadi ezimbili ezashicilelwa emaphephanda-
beni nezitatimende ezimbalwa esezikhishwe eMisaka-

zweni okungezePhini likaSihlalo kaZwelonke, uMfu.
Sipo Mzimela; .

* (uMgwamanda) ufunde incwadi yesithathu kaDr
Mzimela ayibhale magede wayithumela kwabezindaba
kodwa ingakashicilelwa; â\200\230

* (uMgwamanda) ulalele imibono kaDr Mzimela
njengoba naye ebebambe ighaza ebeka olwakhe uhla-
ngothi lwendaba; .

* udaba ludingidwe ngokugcwele.

. Isitatimende sikubeka ngokusobala ukuthi kupha-
wuleka ukuthi kunokushayisana okukhulu kwemibiko -
phakathi kukaDr Mzimela nawo wonke amalungu

UDR. Sipo Miim’elÃ©’: onguNgqgongqoshe we.
kuQondiswa kweziMilo kuHulumeni omkhulu.

oMgwamanda abekade ekhona kulo mhlangano.
&gwamanda uzwakalise ukushageka ngomongo
wezincwadi ezimbili ezashicilelwa ezabe zibhalwe
nguDr Mzimela, uMgwamanda othi azihamnbisani
neze nemigomo nemibono ye-IFP ngesimo samanje
nje lapha eSouth Africa, isimo sesikhundla sikaMo-
ngameli, kanye nobumbano Iwe-ANC ne-IFP.)
UMgwamanda ubuye wazihlangula ekuhlaselweni

JwePhini likaMhleli wephephandaba lesiNgisi lase-

Thekwini, iNatal Mercury, uMnuz Kaizer Nyatsumba,
futhi wezwakalisa ukujugxeka ulwimi oluchazwa yiwo
(uMgwamanda) njengolungemukelekile neze lapho
uDr Mzimela ehlasele uMnuz M A Mncwango oyilu-
ngu eliqavile le-IFP, okungamazwi aqukethwe yincwa-
di yesithathu engakashicilelwa.

Uphinde wazehlukanisa futhi uMgwamanda eku-
phawuleni kwakhe akwenze bukhoma eMsakazweni
â\200\234okwehlulekile ukubalula ukuthi ukwehluleka kokuxa-
zululeka kwamaphuzu efederalism ne-pluralism yi-
khona kanye okukhinyabeze ukufezeka kwezidingo
zabantu, futhi kukhinyabeze kabi okuyikhona kuyizizi-
nda zempilo yemihla ngemihla yabantu njengobupho-
fu nokuntuleka kwemisebenzi.") .

UMgwamanda ubuye waphawula nokuthi awuyi-
tholanga incazelo egculisayo lguDr Mzimela, kumbe
incazelo yakhe echaza ukuthi wayeqonde ukuthini
ngesitatimende sakhe sokushaya, nokugxeka nokweya
kanye nokuhlasela amalungu e-IFP.