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#### **ACC OTJ 14-001162 – ALLEGED CORRUPTION: ARREST: LENNON PATRICK BOCK AND RONALD DIERGAARDT**

The Anti- Corruption Commission, since 2014 investigated the above-mentioned alleged corruption case. The case relates to allegations that during October 2014 at Otjiwarongo in the Regional Division of Otjozondjupa, Namibia the said accused persons, being public officers, to wit, Lennon Patrick Bock (Control Administrative Officer), and Ronald Diergaardt [Chief Administration' Officer] respectively employed by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, did allegedly wrongfully, unlawfully, directly or indirectly and corruptly use their respective offices or positions in a public body, to wit, the Ministry of Health and Social Services, to allegedly obtain a gratification for their own benefits or that of another person to wit;

1. Allegedly obtained falsified quotations purported to be from: ABR Trading Enterprises and Hexagon Trading CC and submitted it to the Executive Director of the Ministry of Health and Social Services together with the quotation from Hat World Trading CC and / or Haroldt //Geiseb whereas they allegedly knew that Hexagon Trading CC and ABR Trading Enterprises CC did not submit any quotations in respect of renovations work to be carried out at Otjiwarongo State Hospital;
2. Allegedly circumvented and / or flawed the tender processes and / or procedures and allegedly failed to obtain 3 quotations from possible contractors and allegedly awarded a tender of N\$1,371,570.50 (1 Million three hundred and seventy-one five hundred and seventy dollars fifty cents) to Hat World Trading CC and or Haroldt //Gelseb;
3. Allegedly failed to observe or follow procurement process and did not table the renovations project before the Regional Economizing Committee.

On completion of the case docket the case file was forwarded to the Office of the Prosecutor General who decided to arraign the two officials in the Otjiwarongo Regional Court on (Count 1) contravening section 43(1) read with sections 32,43(2), 43(3), 46, 49 and 51 of the Anti-Corruption Act, Act no. 8 of 2003) by allegedly corruptly using their respective offices or positions for gratification for the benefit of Hat World Trading CC and / or Haroldt //Geiseb. (Count 2) Contravening section 46 (b) read with sections 32, 49 and 51 of the Anti-Corruption Act, Act No. 8 of 2003 - )Conspiracy to commit a contravention of section 43(1) of Act 8 of 2003) and (Count 3) Contravening section 35(3)(b) read with sections 32, 35(4), 46, 49 and 51 of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No. 8 of 2003) -Corruptly using false documents by an agent.

The accused persons were arrested on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 and brought before the Magistrates court in Otjiwarongo. The case was remanded to the 29<sup>th</sup> of March in order for them to obtain legal representation and they were granted bail of N\$ 5000.00 each.



Lennon Patrick Bock



Ronald Diergaardt

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