

Whistle-blower's input bolsters fraud case against the SABC, says Outa

The Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (Outa) said new whistle-blower "evidence" that emerged on Tuesday bolsters its "fraud, racketeering, corruption and abuse of power" case against the SABC.

The activist group said it had laid charges against controversial executive Hlaudi Motsoeneng, members of the SABC board and executive managers in Brixton last Thursday.



Motsoeneng. © Image via SA Breaking News

One of the matters "being procurement irregularities and a contract with Vision View Production CC, pertaining to the upgrading of two television studios," Outa said in a statement.

It was reported that an initial tender process for the refurbishment was allegedly nixed by Motsoeneng, and the tender worth more than R40m was awarded to Vision View. Staff who objected to the process were reportedly suspended.

"The information we received prior to our charges laid last week was substantive and sufficient for the case to be opened. However, today's input from the whistle-blower - who shared his input with many organisations - provides additional information which we will use to supplement last week's charges," Outa internal legal counsel Lerissa Govender said.

"We will ensure that Mr Hlaudi Motsoeneng and others responsible will be held accountable for the contract in favour of

Vision View Productions, as this was a gross contravention of due process and done without the requisite authorisation."

The tender process can be suspended only by the board.

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