

INPUT ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OF THE AMAGP

1. Purpose. To provide relevant information to AMAGP management to secure the fund against corruption and misuse.

2. Why is Reliable Information needed? Action without it will:

- Be riskier and can be compared to someone trying to hit a target in the dark without light means.
- Operational people's time is unnecessarily wasted because it leads to the establishment of several small information systems.

3. How should reliable information be obtained/produced? By:

- A user-defined requirement statement.
- A logical and comprehensive (larger number of source types) collection process.
- Arrangement/filing of collected products.
- Interpretation/valuation of such products.
- supplying the interpreted products to the AMAGP management.

4. How does AMAGP meet the above standards? It has an Information section with the following features:

- It is operated by only one person.
- Only use media reports from one source.
- Available information is/is arranged in a logical and comprehensive archive.
- Due to the unavailability of collaborators, almost no interpretation is done.
- Involvement of users in the statement of needs and application of the product still leaves much to be desired.

5. What has been achieved by the Information department in the past year?

- The archive has been further enlarged and cleaned. It contains an extensive amount of relevant information about the threat against our Fund. As a result of our experience, it has also been made more streamlined and efficient. There is now an old and a new archive.

6. Requirement Statement. To deliver a more efficient information product, the following must receive attention:

- Manpower: around 5 employees are required. Persons with high integrity from the Information/Intelligence services; detectives; researchers; SAW, SAP, etc. will probably be of great value.
- Funds: in order to do/pay the following: wages for work rendered; enlarged collection spectrum.

7. Environment in which the Fund currently finds itself:

- A political pre-election frenzy where most political entities try to promise more than the other, without proof where the funds will come from.
- High levels of unemployment and pressure on those who do have jobs for higher salaries without improving productivity.
- Increasing pressure on the ineffectiveness of the ruling party.
- Pressure to reveal cadre deployment.
- Little is still being done to control the state's finances more effectively.
- Secrecy of government.

- Poor follow-up of recommendations of Zondo and Mpati. This reinforces the tendency towards secrecy and lack of accountability of the GEPP/PIC.
- The continuous deterioration/bankruptcy of the state's businesses (Eskom, SAA, Transnet, Landbank, etc.)
- The size of the Fund serves as an incentive for government to solve its problems.

8. Threat against the Fund.

- Political interference in the operation of the Fund leads to investments that are not at all to the benefit of the Fund. Examples of this are Eskom, Isibaya.
- Cadres who were (certainly) deployed in the GEPP/PIC.
- Expertise of staff?
- Reluctance to investigate and punish violations. Examples are Dr Survè's debts which have been largely written off. Ineffective follow-up of the VBS tampering. Palmietfontein and "Daybreak Chicken Farms"
- Secrecy when it suits them.
- Tendency to not be accountable.
- Inability of AMAGP because few members are willing to provide practical help.

9. Appeal for help. Come help us please! Consider the following:

- If you think you're too old, you're not! We are also old - too old, we need assistance as well as new ideas! Come - We need you!
- AMAGP is mainly operated by a few elderly individuals - and without possible successors.
- Come - We need you for your own good!