

Dear Mr Jarana

In light of new information I obtained regarding your role in Vodacom's dealings in the Free State, kindly consider the following queries. Please provide me with your responses before close of business (5pm) on Thursday 2 April 2020.

In your responses to my earlier set of queries, you claimed that you were in no way involved in Vodacom's decision-making in terms of bringing partner companies/suppliers on board. However, I have subsequently obtained various sets of information that seemingly refutes your claim. Please consider the following:

1. It is being alleged that companies like Marangrang IT were first brought into the Vodacom sphere during Vodacom's schools-connect program, which had been run from your office along with your former colleague Siyabulelo Fanie. In other words, you allegedly did play a direct role in effectively picking or identifying partner companies in the Free State. Please comment.
 1. Peter let me repeat this again that as the Chief Officer Vodacom Business I was not responsible for the onboarding of partners, this function was delegated to the managing executives, this allowed the Chief Officer Vodacom Business to preside over channel disputes with an independent mind.
 2. Marangrang IT was on boarded as a partner by the Free State Region in 2014 way before the school's connectivity programme was approved for implementation, get your facts right.
 3. Whilst I take overall responsibility for Vodacom Business during my time at Vodacom, I reject the specific notion you are peddling that I was personally responsible for onboarding of partners. This is no correct.
2. I have obtained information that indicate the "on-boarding" of companies like Supana Technologies and Marangrang IT as technology partners to Vodacom was done by your office. Please comment.
 1. Have already responded to this, regions select partners motivate the Managing Executive Public Sector once satisfied submit the suppliers to Vodacom Governance and Risk team for screening and due diligence. Once approved by risk the supplier is issued with a trading code.
3. Even if you weren't involved in selecting regional partners, as you claim, Supana Technologies was in any case later brought on board as a national partner. I understand that your office played a direct role in this development. Please comment.
 1. As I explained to you before my office was not involved in onboarding of suppliers.
4. In 2014, after returning to South Africa from abroad, you flew to Bloemfontein and held a brief meeting with then Premier Ace Magashule at the President Hotel in Bloemfontein. Several witnesses saw you and Mr Magashule conducting the meeting on the hotel's staircase. Not long thereafter, Vodacom secured contracts from Free State Provincial government departments with Marangrang IT as a Vodacom partner. Please comment. What was this meeting about? Did Mr Magashule instruct you to bring Marangrang IT on board as a partner to Vodacom for the contracts Vodacom was due to obtain from the Free State provincial government departments?
 1. My understanding is that the Free State Government had embarked on a project to consolidate ICT spend in the province to improve overall ICT enabled services delivery and underlying economics.
 2. Vodacom (and I would assume other suppliers too) was invited to present its credentials to the Free State Exco. The meeting was held at the President's Hotel.
 3. The Vodacom team was already in the meeting and I arrived in Bloemfontein late as my flight was delayed and I was late to the meeting.
 4. When I was getting to the meeting venue, the then Premier of the Free State Ace Magashule was leaving the meeting already.
 5. I was introduced to him by my staff member as I walked.
 6. After the brief introduction as he was leaving, I went into the meeting and supported my team presentation.
 7. For your information, not only Vodacom was awarded the business but CellC too.
 8. Magashule would not instruct me to bring Marangrang IT or any supplier for that matter to be a Vodacom Partner, it is not possible. For your information Marangrang IT and Kathabo Telecoms were already partners to Vodacom at the time this meeting happened.

5. Your signature appears on several Vodacom documents pertaining to Vodacom's relationships with its suppliers or partners in the Free State. One such document, dating from early 2017, pertains to Vodacom's decision to terminate Marangrang IT as a partner and move its "base" to Supana Technologies. You signed off on this document. Please comment.
 1. Marangrang IT was never terminated at Vodacom at least not during my time they continued to do business with Vodacom.