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Dear Mdu

RE-OPENING OF RESTITUTION

It has come to our attention that new restitution claims are already being lodged even though the Restitution Amendment Bill has not yet been passed by Parliament. Also, the restitution claims manual encourages people to lodge their claims “now”. Some of these manuals have already been made available to members of the public.

We wish to place on record that Agri SA regards these claims being lodged now as unlawful. We would like to request the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform to refrain from distributing copies of the manual, encouraging people to claim “now”, until the Bill has been passed and to ensure that no claims are being accepted as yet.

We look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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