

ROBERT GUMEDE'S RESPONSE TO NEW QUESTIONS FROM M&G

Dear Ms Galaktiou

Thank you for your client's response.

We would appreciate a response to this follow-up question by 12:00 pm tomorrow (4 November).

1. In your response to question 1.6 you state it was only until late 2003 that you got to know Mr Petje. You also state it was a professional relationship and you never attended get togethers with each other. The Mail & Guardian is in possession of a picture showing Mr Petje attending the birthday party of your son in November 2002.

Why do you deny a personal relationship, when the Petjes were invited and attended your son's birthday party in November 2002?

*Regards,
Adriaan Basson & Sam Sole*

ROBERT GUMEDE'S RESPONSE:

I am not denying anything. I did not have a personal relationship with Mr Petje and I did get to know him in 2003. You are asking me about something that happened almost ten years ago. Now that you remind of my son's (my child with my ex-wife) baptism (christening) and birthday party, over 400 guests attended made up of business associates, family, friends, acquaintances, staff members, etc.

Mr and Mrs Petje indeed were one of the 100's of couples who were invited to the party. I took photos with many guests.

I have not denied a relationship with Mr Petje but have stated that before my company Guma was conditionally awarded the Telkom contract on the 10th June 2002, I did not meet or know Mr Petje or his wife.

I repeat what I said before. We were not family friends, neither did we meet regularly for dinners, lunches or house visits with the Petje's.

I anticipate that the M&G will use this so-called photo and allegation of a relationship in its article. I place on record that your angle is false and if printed **is a lie**.

As you are on record as having my ex-wife Zongi as your source on this matter . You are clearly obtaining information from her without determining her motive and she is using a private event of our son's baptism to add fuel to your false allegations. **WHY? Only you and her can tell.**

This is the same thing you and Sole did by accepting Sterenborg's allegations without verifying his motive and credibility which has embarrassed you and the M&G.