



Financial Intelligence Unit

PRESS STATEMENT

**CORRECTION OF FALSE MEDIA REPORTS CONCERNING BANK ACCOUNTS
RECENTLY FROZEN BY THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT**

1. We make reference to a letter from the Financial Intelligence Unit, dated the 19th of September, 2019, directing banks to freeze bank accounts of a number of named business entities, which became the subject of widespread interest and reportage in both formal and social media.
2. We have become aware of subsequent false social media reports suggesting that a directive has since been issued unfreezing some or all the said accounts.
3. We advise that the accounts of the entities named in the directive remain frozen, pending finalization of our analyses.
4. We will communicate to relevant stakeholders through appropriate channels when the process has been concluded.

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M E Chiremba
Director-General
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