



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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**TO: ALL JOURNALISTS, EDITORS AND STAKEHOLDERS**

### **HIGH COURT DECLARES THE CONDUCT OF LOTTOSTAR (PTY) LTD UNLAWFUL**

In a groundbreaking judgment on 31 August 2021, The High Court in Mbombela declared that the conduct of Lottostar (Pty) Ltd in offering bets on the outcome of lotteries was in contravention of the provisions of Section 57 (1)(a) and (b) and 57(2)(g) of the Lotteries Act, 1997 (Act 7 of 1997).

Section 57(1)(a) and (b) of the Lotteries Act provides:

*Any person who participates in; or conducts, facilitates, promotes or derives any benefit from a lottery, promotional competition or sports pool shall, unless such lottery, promotional competition or sports pool is or has been authorised by or under this Act or any other law, be guilty of an offence.*

Section 57(2)(g) of the Lotteries Act provides:

*Any person who conducts, organises, promotes, devises or manages any scheme, plan, competition, arrangement, system, game or device which directly or indirectly provides for betting, wagering, gambling or any other game of risk on any outcome of any lottery unless authorised by or under this Act or any other law, shall be guilty of an offence.*

As such, the High Court ordered that the scheme, plan, arrangement or system of Lottostar (Pty) Ltd whereby it offers bets, whether or not of a fixed-odd nature, on the outcome of lotteries was declared unlawful. Consequently, Lottostar (Pty) Ltd was interdicted from offering bets, whether or not of a fixed-odd nature, on the outcome of any lottery.

We urge the public to refrain from illegal gambling activities and report such activities to the law enforcement agencies or the NGB. To report any suspicious gambling activity, please email [\*\*fraudalert@nqb.org.za\*\*](mailto:fraudalert@nqb.org.za)

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