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## **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL HALAAL AUTHORITY (SANHA)**

As salaamu alaikum wa rahmatulahi wa barakatahu

Respected Maulana Navlaki,

### **RE: Request for Withdrawal of Halaal Certification from Entities Linked to Support for Israel**

Our office has been approached by numerous members of the Muslim community who have urged us to appeal to SANHA regarding the need to withdraw halaal certification from businesses that support, are linked to, or are otherwise associated with Zionism, Christian Zionism, or the apartheid state of Israel in any form.

We note that SANHA has received correspondence from various parties providing evidence of the involvement of certain companies, particularly the directors and board members of Africa Spice, and their close ties to the direct enabling and support of Israel. It is now widely accepted that many such companies, along with their founders, board members, and management structures, contribute directly to the apartheid entity.

While it may be technically correct that the ingredients used in the products of these companies are halaal, the primary concern is that endorsement of such products through SANHA certification enables Muslim consumers to purchase them. This, in turn, indirectly contributes to the commercial success of these companies and their leadership, thereby increasing support for Israel.

We therefore respectfully call on SANHA to reconsider its position. Where contractual agreements exist with such companies, we request that SANHA explore options for early termination and implement a clear and permanent withdrawal of halaal certification.

We trust that SANHA will give this matter the serious consideration it warrants, in line with its mandate to safeguard the interests of the Muslim community.

Yours faithfully,

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**CHAIRPERSON**  
**THE SOUTH AFRICAN MUSLIM NETWORK (SAMNET)**