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The SPCA
Athlone Office
1st Avenue and First Street
Grassy Park
Cape Town

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: UNLAWFUL SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK AND DUMPING OF CARCASS

I confirm I act for the Riverview Church of Christ. The church is the owner of a property situated at 446 Main Road, Lakeside at the corner with Steenberg Road, Cape Town.

The outbuildings of the Church have been unlawfully occupied by squatters of Congolese origin. These persons are Mr Honore Makembe (Identity No. 691123 5949 262), his wife, Bijoux Makembe (Identity No. 800828 1637 186) and various members of their family including their adult children and grandchildren.

The Church property is bounded on the western side by the Keyzers River which drains into Sandvlei and ultimately the sea at Muizenberg beach. On the southern border of the property is a townhouse complex known as Camargue. The residents of Camargue have suffered an influx of rats and snakes and inspectors were called to the premises to carry out an inspection. The Inspection report by Mina Mole issued on or about 21 January 2026 and attached hereto details at the last paragraph on page 1 that the main cause the pest invasion is due to unlawful activity at the Church of Christ property. In particular, it appears the occupants of the Church property have unlawfully slaughtered several sheep and dumped the carcasses and offal onto the banks of the Keyser River where they are naturally attracting rats and snakes.

My major concern is for the welfare of animals which have been unlawfully slaughtered, possibly in inhumane conditions on suburban premises in breach of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. Furthermore, these decaying carcasses are a source of pollution of the Keyser River system which is used for recreational purposes and borders the Marina Da Gama residential area.

I telephoned the inspectorate department of the SPCA at Athlone yesterday but received no assistance. I also reported the matter to the City of Cape Town Law Enforcement office under reference No. 1002942561 and also to the City Environmental Health Department. I am not sure what follow-up, if any, has been done by these authorities.

I would be most grateful if the SPCA could urgently investigate this matter and take such steps as may be required for the future protection of animals from these persons and to take the necessary measures in respect of offences already committed.

Please feel free to contact me at any time should you require further information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TB' followed by a stylized flourish and a period.

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