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Dear Ms Gillespie

PROBITY ADVISORY - REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - CEREMONIES PRODUCTION PROVIDER

We refer to the Probity Advisor's Report dated 09 December 2015 which was based on a scope of work and specific information provided in relation to the evaluation of the Ceremonies Production Provider during the Request for Tender stage process.

We have subsequently reviewed additional information provided specifically relating to the unsuccessful Proponents' probity concerns provided to the Premier and Auditor-General.

We outline below the scope of work performed and the results from that review process.

Scope of Work

Obtained and reviewed additional documents from GOLDOC including:

- Additional information in relation to potential conflicts of interest,
- GOLDOC working papers tracking the Evaluation Panel scoring history throughout the process,
- Emails provided by GOLDOC on the process, and
- Reports prepared by RedThread Solutions.

Summary of Findings

From our review of documentation, we provide the following summary of our key findings which are specifically directed towards probity matters. Our work has been limited to the above and we have not reviewed any other matters of concern beyond probity.

We note the following:

- a) Mr Brian Nourse, an employee of GOLDOC, was the Editor and principle Author of the Tender documents using multiple staff and consultants' contributions to the final documents.

- b) The evaluation of Proponents' Tenders was conducted by the Evaluation Panel utilising the documented evaluation criteria. Mr Mik Auckland was not on the Evaluation Panel but was a Technical Advisor.
- c) The Evaluation Panel members had conducted their initial scoring of proposals received prior to any involvement by Mr Mik Auckland.
- d) The Evaluation Panel formed its views and rankings of Proponents independently and from our review of the scoring history, the ranking of the Proponents did not change throughout the scoring and evaluation process.
- e) There were no reports from Mr Mik Auckland tabled at Evaluation Panel meetings.
- f) From our review of information, we do not consider that Sandy Reiser, an employee of GOLDOC, or Andrew Minogue, an athletes representative, have any conflict of interest.
- g) We understand from review of documentation provided, that Mr Mik Auckland has at various stages of his career acted for all four (4) shortlisted Proponents to the Tender and based on the documentation the most recent was with Jack Morton Worldwide which ceased in September 2010. From information provided, the wife of Mik Auckland, Celia Smith, ceased employment with Jack Morton Worldwide in October 2014. They operate their own company. Accordingly, whilst a conflict of interest does not exist, there is the potential for a perception of a conflict of interest.

In conclusion, based on our review of information in relation to probity concerns raised, and based on the scope of work as outlined, we are of the view that the Evaluation Panel conducted the evaluation of proposals received in accordance with the documented evaluation criteria, to reach their conclusions.

Yours sincerely

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