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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**RE: REPORT ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE RISK OF CORRUPTION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION ASSESSMENT OF THE PROCESSES LEADING UP TO THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND APPROVAL OF THE TRANSACTION AGREEMENTS AND TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED THEREUNDER IN RELATION TO THE GOLD ROYALTIES MONETISATION TRANSACTION UNDER THE MINERALS INCOME INVESTMENT FUND ACT, 2018 (ACT 978) AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO**

The Special Prosecutor read last night a Press Release signed by Mr. Eugene Arhin, the Communications Director, Communications Directorate Jubilee House – Accra which contains statements which are inconsistent with the Press Statement issued by this Office in the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 on the above subject matter which needs to be clarified for purposes of accuracy and truthfulness. Mr. Eugene Arhin's statement from the accompanying email was issued around 21:00 HRS. I had explained in this Office's press statement of yesterday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 as follows.

“The analysis of the risk of corruption and anti-corruption assessment was completed and signed by the Special Prosecutor on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Special Prosecutor in letter with reference number OSP/SCR/20/12/20 dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 conveyed the conclusions and observations of the anti-corruption assessment to H. E. the President and the Hon. Minister of Finance as a matter of courtesy before informing the public.”

H. E. the President offered to give me a copy of the alleged comments of the Hon. Minister of Finance to this Office's letter with reference number OSP/SCR/20/12/20 dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 which I politely refused to take because one could not make comments on conclusions and observations of a letter which did not constitute the full report. I also wanted to preserve the independence of this Office as an anti-corruption agency which does not take instructions on the performance of the anti-corruption functions of the Office. How could anybody think that a thirteen (13) page letter with a reference number constitutes a full assessment report of such an important transaction affecting a most important extractive national resource which is a patrimony of the Chiefs and people of Ghana and generations unborn? The reaction to the full report vindicates my caution.

I forwarded the completed sixty-four (64) page report signed by the Special Prosecutor and dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to H. E. the President under cover of letter with reference number OSP/SCR/13/20 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 which was signed and received at the Presidency at 12:04 p. m. I forwarded the same completed sixty-four (64) page report to the Rt Hon. Speaker of Parliament under cover of letter with reference number OSP/SCR/8/37/10 and

copied the Majority, and Minority Leaders which were each received at 1:04 p. m for the Speaker; at 1:19 p. m. for the Majority Leader; and at 1:19 p. m. for the Minority Leader. I also forwarded the same report to Hon. Minister of Finance under cover of letter with reference number OSP/SCR/39/22/39/20 also of even date which was received at 12.15 p. m.

The comments by the Hon. Minister of Finance which I was aware of on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 could not, therefore, be comments to the Sixty-Four (64) page report I forwarded to the persons named herein on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

I do not intend to be patronized as the Special Prosecutor as Mr. Eugene Arhin appears to have conveyed by the statement issued under his hand. Analysis of the risk of corruption and anti-corruption assessments are a serious anti-corruption tool with very serious consequences for any country dedicated to fighting corruption and making corruption a high-risk enterprise. The sixty-four (64) page report was analyzed and assessed professionally and referenced with detailed analysis of the risk of corruption and anti-corruption assessment of the Agyapa Royalties Transactions from which no one can just pick and choose what he wants. The documents and the facts are real and were not manufactured by the Special Prosecutor.

The Office of the Special Prosecutor was either seriously intended to prevent and fight corruption or was only intended as a show piece to be trivialized. The sixty-four (64) page report must be taken seriously to make corruption a very high-risk venture in Ghana.



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