

BMW South Africa

Midrand

c/o Chief Executive Officer: Tim Abbott

via email: tim.abbott@bmw.co.za

24 July 2020

Dear Mr. Abbott

RE: BMW /THATO SIKWANE (DJ FRESH)

1. We are informed that BMW SA has an association with Mr. Sikwane, the nature of which is not clear to the signatories of this letter.

2. In addition, we are aware of BMW SA's role in supporting the country's efforts in the elimination of gender-based violence as eloquently stated by yourself and we quote" Gender-based violence is a scourge and I am pleased we can do something to help". Now this is the time to help.

3. Mr. Sikwane was recently accused of sexual assault during the "name and shame" campaign where survivors of gender- based violence took to Twitter to claw back at the impunity of sexual crimes against them.

4. DJ Fresh denies the accusations related to the incident. He has in the meantime instituted a civil lawsuit against Ntsiki Mazwai who spoke out on his alleged abusive behavior and the matter is heard as from 21 July 2020. It would be prudent for BMW SA to not publicly and proudly associate with an alleged perpetrator of GBV until all pending legal proceedings have come to finality.

5. In his founding affidavit, he asserts that he obtained a restraining order against one Ms. Penny Lebyane and that she was the author of the Twitter post that accused him of sexual assault, which is a complete fabrication of the truth. As such, he was served with letters of demand to confirm the veracity of his assertion, which he failed to provide. (*letters herein attached*).



- 6. It is worth noting that the tweets were anonymous, meaning that Mr. Sikwane would have not known the identity of the accuser but strangely enough knew who the faceless woman was.
- 7. Perjury is a serious a common law offence which consists of the unlawful and intentional making of a false statement in the course of judicial proceedings by a person under oath. It speaks to the credibility and character of an individual and we hope that BMW SA frowns upon such criminal offence and would most definitely disassociate their brand with dishonesty and criminality.
- 8. We therefore request a meeting with your good self to discuss Mr Sikwane's conduct and your continued association with Mr. Sikwane, despite this. Your considered association can only mean that BMW minimizes, tolerate and normalizes the harm inflicted on women and the gender power struggles and dynamics at play.
- 9. We would appreciate a response by close of business on Thursday, 30 July 2020.

Yours Faithfully

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