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RE: NASPERS/MEDIA24 TRC SUBMISSION

Your same-titled letter dated 21 September 2006, refers.

As indicated in the e-mail forwarded to you on 27 September 2006, the Nasionale Pers (Naspers) did not make any submissions to the TRC. Instead, they provided the TRC with a copy of "Oor grense heen", the official history of Naspers. That is where their participation ended, although certain journalists did make submissions in their *individual* capacity. (Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report of South Africa, Volume 4, Chapter 6, page 177.)

In respect of your question relating to the legal status of Naspers under the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, 1995 (Act No. 34 of 1995), the Unit is currently looking into this matter. It is therefore expected that a response will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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