



correctional services

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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JOHN FIKILE BLOCK PLACED ON PAROLE

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) confirms parole placement for Mr John Fikile Block, effectively from 10 November 2023. Mr Block was sentenced to 15 years for corruption and money laundering on 6 December 2016.

The parole placement decision was taken by the Correctional Supervision and Parole Board (CSPB), following Section 73 of the Correctional Services Act. The Offender Rehabilitation Path plays an important role when the inmate's suitability for parole placement is being considered by the CSPB.

Mr Block was an active inmate, having participated in a number of correctional programmes, and went on to obtain a Diploma in Business Management. Reports by the specialists are part of the material submitted to the CSPB as they provide details in terms of the inmate's readiness for social reintegration.

John Fikile Block benefited from the Special Remission of Sentences of 2019, 2020 and 2023, thus bringing forward his Minimum Detention Period to 13 September 2023. This also takes into consideration the special remission of sentence for meritorious service as per Section 80 of the Correctional Services Act.

Mr Block will complete the remainder of the sentence in the system of community corrections and will be subjected to supervision in compliance with parole conditions until his sentence expires on 26 June 2029.

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