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(Written by Ms. Waldner and translated from Afrikaans by Mark Wright)

“NOBODY WANTS 40 MILLION BALLOT PAPERS”

Mr. Norris Lee Barker was awarded 1.5 million ballot papers for R775,000 said a representative of the South African Tender Board. The representative also said Barker was the largest winner of the seven (7) Tenders submitted to the Tender Board in June for the unused ballot papers.

The Tender Board said Barker did not have the money to pay for the Tender. The Department of Home Affairs said Barker's original investor, another American living in South Africa, had pulled out. The Department of Home Affairs said Barker can be held legally responsible for non-payment of the Tender.

Mr. Barker has been in South Africa for five (5) years. He has imported second-hand clothing, taught math, and, more recently was a factotum for Hospice. A representative of both the Department of Home Affairs and the Tender Board said they were prepared to give Mr. Norris of African American Trading Company an extension in order for him to meet his commitment. In the meantime, the ballot papers are being stored at the Department of Public Works.

African American Trading Company was one of two American companies given permission to market the ballot papers. Colorado, USA based, L. Jamtech, negotiated directly with the Independent Electoral Commission for a transaction of between \$700,000 and \$750,000. An Independent Electoral Commission representative said this deal had fallen through.

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“BALLOT PAPERS AS MEMENTOS – 1.4 MILLION MARKETED FOR R10”

All mementos except 1.4 million unused ballot papers offered by the Tender Board and the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) have been pulped. Norris Barker submitted the winning Tender for 1.1 million of these ballot papers.

He plans to market them in South Africa through the informal sector – the HAWKERS ASSOCIATION and the TAXI ASSOCIATION – as Blacks show the most interest and the outcome of the election is more meaningful to them. He also plans to market in twenty six (26) European countries.

Barker has printed 6,000 posters and 6,000 marketing plans to hand out to his salespeople who will sell ballot papers for R10 each. Pictorial instructions are provided for those who can't read. The salesperson will receive R5 for each ballot sold, the ASSOCIATION R1,50 and Barker will retain R3,50. Barker will also market to South Africans living abroad.

Lance Dutton from Capetown, another Tender winner of 100,000 ballot papers said he will laminate his ballot papers before marketing them.

The IEC said a company in Reno, Nevada in the United States has the sole rights to market ballot papers in America. They will market the ballot papers with a stone from South Africa rolled inside each ballot paper to symbolize the end of apartheid.