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**AFFIDAVIT – EMMA REBECCA BALEKA**

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I, the undersigned

EMMA REBECCA BALEKA

do hereby make oath and state that:

1. I am Emma Rebecca Baleka. I live at 51 Zinto Street, Khayelitsha, Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape.
2. The facts contained herein are true and correct and within my knowledge unless the context indicates otherwise.
3. On 13 September Mike Louw, a journalist phoned me. He wanted to meet. He informed me that he had heard of a man named Isaacs who was selling a medicine as an AIDS cure. He wanted me to take him to Mr Isaacs.
4. I knew the place he was talking about because Mr Isaacs had people selling these tablets for him in the location where I lived.
5. I met Mike at Laetitia Bam Day Hospital in Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage. There was another journalist from Rhodes University with him, Nompumezo Makinana.
6. I directed them in Mike's car to a place called Comforter's Healing Gift in Constitution Road in Uitenhage. A number of newspapers have carried a photo of this place with Nompumezo and me standing outside it.
7. A nearby sign identifies the Comforter's Healing Gift building as a treatment centre and a sign on the building reads "Our mission is to fight all AIDS-related illnesses."
8. Nompumezo and I went inside. Mike stayed in the car.
9. Freddie Isaacs himself attended to us. He asked what he could do for us.

10. I explained to him that Nompumezo is my daughter. This was not true but it was our cover.
11. I explained to him that Nompumezo was at Rhodes University doing journalism. This is true.
12. I further explained that she was sick and I took her to the doctor and the doctor diagnosed to her that she is HIV-positive. This was also not true.
13. I explained to Mr Isaacs that I had heard a lot about him, which is true.
14. I said to Mr Isaacs that I had come to him for help.
15. Mr Isaacs said that he had medicines for curing AIDS.
16. Mr Isaacs showed us tablets and explained that they clear HIV from people. He gave us the tablets and they were in a carton with a label "CHG tablets" on it. Some newspapers have carried photos of me holding these cartons.
17. Mr Isaacs explained that each bottle cost R210.
18. Mr Isaacs also had a black mixture which he said cost R20 per bottle. He explained that this black mixture also cures AIDS.
19. Mr Isaacs explained that all of this came to him in a dream. In the dream it came to him that a particular plant will cure people of AIDS.
20. Mr Isaacs said that he had cured a lot of people.
21. Mr Isaacs said that he has got several places that sell these medicines including Johannesburg, Durban, Kokstad, Umthatha, King Williams Town, East London, Port Elizabeth and many others.
22. Mr Isaacs said that if Nompumezo used these medicines and went for a CD4 test, the doctor would never say she's HIV-positive again.
23. Mr Isaacs said that she would not have to use ARVs (antiretrovirals) because they do not help.
24. I asked Mr Isaacs if its him alone in this business. He said no and that he had

directors. Without me prompting him, he further said that one of his directors is a “Miss or Mrs Qunta and that she is a lawyer.”

25. Mr Isaacs also explained that when he launched Comforters Healing Gift, the Minister of Health, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, was there. On his wall were pictures of him with Manto Tshabalala-Msimang.
26. We only had R150. So I asked Nompumezo to go to the car and get an additional R60 so that we had R210 to cover the cost of the medicines. She did. She came back with the money.
27. Mr Isaacs then showed us the product and the mixture. He took a half-a-glass of the mixture and gave it to Nompumezo to drink. She could not finish it. I said to her give it to me and I'll finish it. I did this in front of him. It tasted terrible. It was bitter and tasted of Aloe but I cannot be sure what was in it.
28. Mr Isaacs opened the carton of tablets and gave four to Nompumezo to drink. She put the tablets in her mouth and she told me that it was bitter. I replied to her in Xhosa because I did not think Isaacs could understand Xhosa. I explained to her to keep it in her mouth and drink the whole glass of water. I further said that we left she could spit it out.
29. Mr Isaacs said there's no use in me giving you the liquid medicine because he could see that when Nompumezo was alone at Rhodes University she would not take it. But he gave us the tablet medicine as well as an extra carton which he said I could pay for the extra carton when I have the money. I said thank you.
30. We then left. He followed us to the door. We went to the car. We showed the tablets to Mike. He took photos of the place and then went to interview Mr Isaacs. Mr Isaacs did not want Mike to take his photo.
31. I carried out this exercise because I believe what Mr Isaacs is doing is wrong. He is endangering the lives of people with HIV. I know of a woman in my community who died recently who was taking his product.

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**DEPONENT**

Thus signed and sworn to before me at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_ day of October 2007 the deponent having acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit, has no objection to taking the prescribed oath and considers the oath to be binding on her conscience.

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**COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**