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6 October 2014

Ms. Wendy Kahn

PER EMAIL: Wendy Kahn (wendy@sajbd.org)

Our ref: GP/1415/0226/CK/NW

Dear Wendy,

RE: COMPLAINT LODGED WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (SAHRC) BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES (SAJBD) AGAINST MR ZIYAAD KAYAT

1. We refer to our previous correspondence.
2. We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 October 2014, wherein the SAJBD accepted the apology of Mr. Ziyaad Kayat.
3. Kindly find attached hereto a copy of the press release which was published on our website in this regard.
4. Based on the above resolution of the matter, we are now proceeding to close our file.
5. Should you not be satisfied with our decision to close our file, you may lodge an appeal, in writing within 45 days of receipt of this letter. A copy of the appeal form is available at any office of the SAHRC. The appeal should be lodged with the Head Office of the SAHRC. The contact details are as follows:

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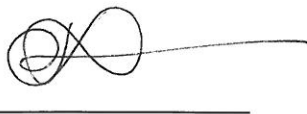
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6. We thank you for your referral of this matter to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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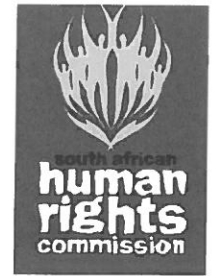
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**APOLOGY FOR ANTI SEMETIC COMMENTS ACCEPTED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF
DEPUTIES AGAINST JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

In July 2014, Mr. Ziyaad Kayat sent a message to the inbox of the Facebook page of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies (SAJBD) that read *"All Jews are pigs"* and *"I think we should kill you SA Jews and kill your kids and let you feel what the Palestinians are feeling."*

The SAJBD thereafter laid a complaint about this message with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC).

The SAHRC viewed the comments made by Mr. Kayat as a contravention of amongst other laws, Section 16 of the Constitution which prohibits expression that incites violence or advocates hatred based on religion or ethnicity and constitutes incitement to cause harm.

Following a number of engagements by the SAHRC with Mr. Kayat, on 26 September 2014, Mr. Kayat signed an unequivocal apology to the SAJBD, the SAHRC and the South African public. In this apology, he retracted the comments and acknowledged the comments were wrong and uncalled for. He expressed his commitment to the Constitution.

On 2 October 2014, the SAJBD expressed its acceptance with Mr. Kayat's apology, which the SAHRC also accepts and welcomes. The SAHRC urges the public to engage with social media in a responsible manner.