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Dear Friends

Over the past two weeks many of you would have been privy to vicious rumours being spread about Rabbi Suiza pursuant to an unfortunate incident that occurred recently, resulting in the brief arrest and detention of another person. Unfortunately the rumours surrounding this incident do not appear to be abating and I am of the view that it is appropriate for me to address this email to you in order to set the record straight.

Approximately three months ago Rebbetzin Suiza was the unfortunate recipient of an anonymous email which contained various scurrilous, defamatory and utterly false remarks about Rabbi Suiza. The anonymous person who sent the email with malicious intent, also attempted to extort a sum of money from Rebbetzin Suiza, failing payment of which, a threat was made to divulge this false information to certain members of our community, with the sole purpose of damaging Rabbi Suiza's good name and reputation. I can categorically advise you that the contents of the said email are a malicious fabrication without any foundation of truth.

Due to the criminal nature of the email, the matter was reported to the South African Police services. After some investigation a suspect was arrested. The matter is currently being further investigated by the South African Police Services. I want to reiterate that rumours of any impropriety on the part of Rabbi Suiza are untrue and false and originate from the contents of the said scurrilous and defamatory email. I want to urge all of us to stand together as a community in support of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Suiza, who are both victims of this terrible act and who need our support during this difficult time. I am confident that the perpetrator will be dealt with appropriately in the near future so that this matter can finally be put to rest.

Cordial shalom

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