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Invitation to Media Conference

All Media and Interested Parties

Re: Developer reveals City of Cape Town will approve rezone by 30 October 2024

Date: 22 October 2024

Time: 13:00

Venue: Methodist Church, Greenmarket Square

Embargo: no release until press conference has been held

In correspondence in possession of the PHA Campaign dated 25 July 2024 addressed to potential investors, Oakland City Development (OCD) reveals Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis will approve the Rezone on 30 October 2024. It also states that all approvals have been granted and no further objections to the development has been raised.

In 2020 the then Mayor Dan Plato and MEC Anton Bredell supported OCD in the Western Cape High Court and lost against the PHA Campaign. Judge Kate Savage ruled in favour of protecting the PHA and ordered the City to do an appeal Rezone to address the impact of the development on the aquifer, water scarcity and climate change.

How does the developer know Mayor Hill-Lewis will approve the rezone even before its officially considered? Surely the city will not approve the rezone given the developer has failed to address the concerns of the High Court. OCD is against a host of city policies. OCD Water Use License is now also suspended and on appeal. Potential investors may have to contend with spending another 5 years in court.

Documents will be given to journalists:

- Letter from Oaklands City
- Developable Land Study
- 2023 District SDF - extract