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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**ARREST OF DR NINADU MAFULU**

**23 JANUARY 2020**

**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** - The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office in collaboration with the Special Law Enforcement Unit of the Gauteng Traffic Police conducted an operation at Dr Ninadu Mafulu's medical practice.

Dr Ninadu Mafulu's practice is situated at 52 Pretoria Street, Hillbrow. Whilst Dr Mafulu is actively registered as a Medical Practitioner with the HPCSA, he is only registered in the category of Public Service.

The matter will be handed to the Complaints Handling Unit of the HPCSA to proceed with disciplinary action against Dr Mafulu for practising as an Independent Medical Practitioner whilst being registered in the category of Public Service.

Dr Mafulu was also found to be dispensing scheduled medication at his practice whilst not having the necessary license to dispense in terms of Section 22C(l)(a) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, (Act 101 of 1965) (as amended), which constitutes a criminal offence.

In light of the above, Dr Mafulu was arrested and taken into custody at the Hillbrow SAPS under CAS: No. 604/1/2020.

The Inspectorate Office is based at the Council's Head Office in Pretoria, with regional offices in Cape Town, Durban and East London.

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The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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