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**ARREST IN RESPECT OF AN OFICIAL FROM AGRO-MARKETING AND TRADE AGENCY (AMTA) IN
KATIMA MULILO FOR ALLEGED CORRUPT PRACTICES**

The Anti-Corruption Commission, today, Friday, 17 June 2022 apprehended an official from Agro-Marketing and Trade Agency (AMTA,) for alleged corrupt practices

The 49 years old, James Masule Walubita, has been apprehended and charged with contravening Section 43(1) and 35(3) (b) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No.8 of 2003) as amended.

The Anti-Corruption Commission received a tip-off from the Whistle-blower against Walubita who allegedly embezzled AMTA funds for self-gratification. It is alleged that Walubita sells maize grains from AMTA Silos to individual persons and issues them with private bank account details to deposit the money. Furthermore, it is alleged that an approximate total of 80 tons of maize grains from AMTA Silo in Katima Mulilo was recently sold to a miller (name withheld) whereby the Tax Invoice to an estimated amount of **N\$280,000.00** was issued which contains a private person's bank details into which money should be deposited. It appears that the account so provided does not belong to AMTA. The name of the account holder involved is withheld for investigation purposes.

The suspect is detained in police custody and shall appear before the Katima Mulilo Magistrate Court on Monday, 20 June 2022.

ACC strongly objects to the suspect being granted bail on Monday for the reason that the apprehension of other possible suspects involved in the commission of the corrupt practices cannot be ruled out. Moreover, information received indicated that this might not be the only incident and the possibility of similar charges being added can as well not be ruled out.

AMTA is one of the institutions entrusted to play an important role in the promotion of food security in Namibia. Hence, the practices of officials employed in positions of trust embezzling public funds results not only in damage to the national economy but also jeopardizing the food security in the country.



The Commission commends those who partake in the fight against corruption and urges those in positions of trust to perform their duties diligently, and ethically and uphold a high level of integrity at all times. The Commission further urges everyone to take part in the fight against corruption and have the courage to report suspected acts of corruption. The corrupt practices must be exposed so that the transgressors face consequences.

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