



The MJC's halaal certification function is set to be placed under intense scrutiny by an independent review panel comprising respected business and community figures who will critically analyze the structure and operations of the MJC Halaal Trust. ("MJCHT")

Led by influential Pretoria businessman and community activist, Haroon Kalla, the panel will investigate the halaal certification operations of the "MJCHT" and will make recommendations to improve its overall performance to ensure that it functions as a trusted service provider to Muslim communities throughout South Africa.

Mr Kalla will lead a broad panel consisting of sharia law experts, business leaders and professionals who have the depth of experience to guide the MJCHT to attain operational excellence and good governance in its halaal certification operations.

The independent panel is the result of a public commitment by the MJC to review its operations in light of the recent Orion halaal meat scandal which has received prominent media coverage. President of the Muslim Judicial Council, Moulana Ihsaan Hendricks, has pledged the MJC's full co operation with the independent review panel. According to the MJC President, " We welcome the guidance of the independent review panel and look forward to working with them to strengthen the MJCHT"

Both Moulana Ihsaan Hendricks and Mr Kalla confirms that the MJC has played no role in the selection and appointment of the review panel's members.

Two independent lawyers, Zahir Williams and Noor Kapdi, offered their assistance free of charge to the MJC and undertook the responsibility of independently establishing the review panel. Mr Williams is a legal executive employed by a global energy company and Mr Kapdi is a partner at a specialist oil and gas law firm.

Mr Williams and Mr Kapdi consulted various community leaders in the process of independently

selecting and appointing the members of the review panel. A full list of the names of the review panel is available on the MJCHT website. The review panel will via the MJCHT website communicate its terms of reference and timelines for completion of its work. The findings and recommendations of the review panel will be made public after it has been presented to the MJC.

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