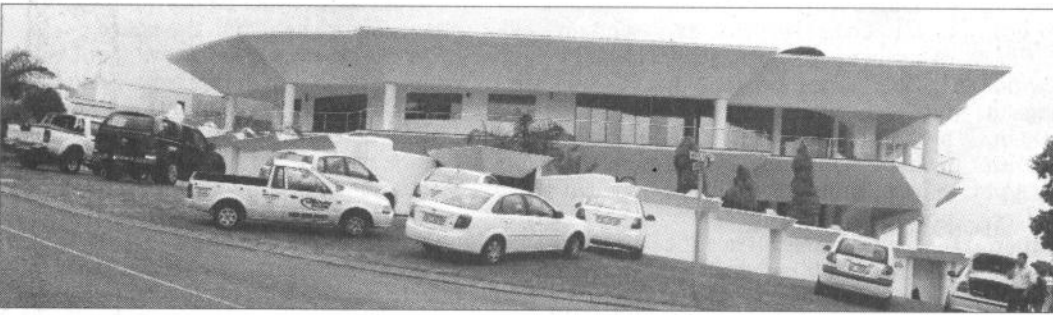


Durban businesswoman faces 119 counts



GRANDIOSE: Shauwn Mpisane's house in the elite suburb of La Lucia

Cloud over company that was awarded state contracts

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BUSINESSWOMAN Shauwn Mpisane is expected to be in a Durban court today, facing fresh charges of fraudulently securing R140 million in contracts from the Department of Public Works using forged documents.

Mpisane and her company Zikhulise Cleaning, Maintenance and Transport are facing 119 counts of fraud.

She is also charged separately with defeating the ends of justice following allegations that she attempted to persuade a State witness to alter evidence in the tax matter.

Now she is in more hot water and will have to do some persuading to be released on bail again.

The Star's sister paper, The Mercury, understands that Mpisane was to be arrested during yesterday's early-morning asset forfeiture operation at her La Lucia home, during which eight luxury vehicles belonging to her and her husband were seized.

The couple's other assets, the house, its contents and their bank accounts, were "preserved".

A source close to investigations said Mpisane was told to hand herself over to Hawks investigators today ahead of a bail application in the Durban Magistrate's Court.

The details of her alleged crimes are spelt out in the application for the asset forfeiture order filed in the Pietermaritzburg High Court.

In his affidavit, Colonel Lubenthen Naidoo said that between September 2005 and September 2012, Mpisane or people acting on behalf of her company had submitted tenders to the provincial Public Works Department for various construction projects that were awarded based on Construction Industry Development



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Board (CIDB) grades.

"The evidence establishes that documents were submitted to the CIDB which were fraudulent. The department then unknowingly accepted these fraudulent grades," Naidoo's affidavit states.

Among the fraudulent documents submitted to the board, he alleged, were tax clearance certificates in 2005 and 2006. Neither was genuine.

Other charges relate to submitting false annual financial statements to the board for the years ending February 2008 and February 2009.

Naidoo said it would be alleged that Mpisane "or persons unknown" had submitted false declarations regarding employees to the board.

It is alleged that she submitted documents reflecting that engineers Thabo Hlebela, Nilendra Allopi and Sunil Singh were employed by the company "permanently".

The State now alleges that the three were never employed by the company.

Allopi and Singh were also

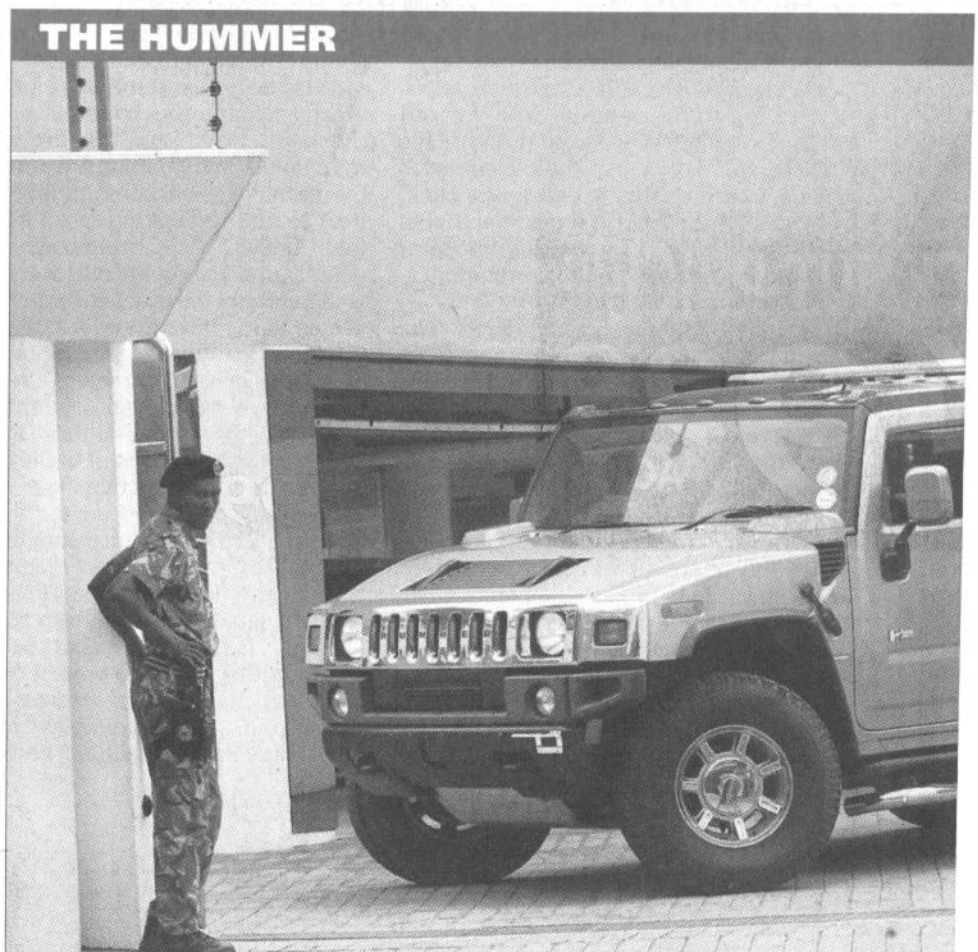
not permanently employed. They had reflected this in documentation to the board but claim these were forged and altered.

Civil engineer Morne Deyzel also submitted an affidavit, saying he had never signed a declaration that he was employed by the company and had never given the company his consent to use his professional certificate in a submission to the board.

Naidoo also accuses Mpisane of forging documents relating to the Effingham housing project, including a completion certificate.

She will also face charges of making false declarations to the board that she did not have a criminal record. She was convicted of 62 counts of fraud in May 2005.

Naidoo said that as a result of these misrepresentations, Zikhulise was awarded five contracts - Truro House offices, Mbhekaphansi Clinic, Emolweni Primary School, Inanda Clinic and Clairwood Hospital.



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