IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
ACCRA – A.D. 2025.

DOCKET NO.: CR/0051/2026

THE REPUBLIC

VERSUS

HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA	**1ST ACCUSED PERSON**
FAIZA SEIDU WUNI	**2ND ACCUSED PERSON**
RICHARD SAM-ASANTE (AT LARGE)	**3RD ACCUSED PERSON**
THE ALUDIBA FOUNDATION	**4TH ACCUSED PERSON**
ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED	**5TH ACCUSED PERSON**

CHARGE SHEET

COUNT ONE

Statement of Offence:
Stealing, contrary to Section 124(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2025, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court did, while purporting to make payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to JAMES TIEKU-APAWU (trading under the name and style of SAWTINA ENTERPRISE), did *steal* the sum of about Fifty Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Ghana cedis only (**GH¢50,879,210**) from the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

COUNT TWO

Statement of Offence:
Fraudulently causing financial loss to the Republic, contrary to Section 179A(3)(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old; RICHARD SAM-ASANTE, 44 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2025, in Accra in the Greater-Accra Region, within the jurisdiction of this Court, and in your respective capacities as the Chief Executive Officer and as the Head of Finance, did, in the course of making payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to JAMES TIEKU-APAWU (trading under the name and style of SAWTINA ENTERPRISE), *fraudulently* caused the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to *lose* the sum of about Fifty Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Ten Ghana cedis only **(GH¢50,879,210)**.

COUNT THREE

Statement of Offence:
Money laundering, contrary to Section 1(2)(c) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2020 (Act 1044).

Particulars of Offence

FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, 36 years old, that you, from February, 2020, to November, 2022, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, while trading under the name and style of FA-HAUSA VENTURES, take *possession* of the sum of about Thirteen Million, Two Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred and One Ghana cedis, and Fifty-two pesewas **(GH¢13,213,501.52)** from HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, knowing at the time of taking possession that the money was acquired through a criminal activity.

COUNT FOUR

Statement of Offence:
Money laundering, contrary to Section 1(2)(c) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2020 (Act 1044).

Particulars of Offence

FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, 36 years old, that you, on **July 9, 2020**, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, while trading under the name and style of FA-HAUSA VENTURES, take *possession* of the sum of about Five Hundred Thousand Ghana cedis only **(GH¢500,000.00)** from SAWTINA ENTERPRISE (the personal trading name of JAMES TIEKU-APAWU), knowing at the time of taking possession that the money was acquired through a criminal activity.

COUNT FIVE

Statement of Offence:
Money laundering, contrary to Section 1(2)(c) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2020 (Act 1044).

Particulars of Offence
FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, 36 years old, HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, from July, 2020, to February, 2023, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being signatories to the bank account of FA-HAUSA VENTURES (the name and style under which FAIZA SEIDU WUNI traded), did *use* the sum of about Sixteen Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and One Ghana Cedis and Fifty-Two Pesewas (**GH¢16,493,501.52**) from the said bank account, knowing at the time of using the said money that the said money was acquired through a criminal activity.

COUNT SIX

Statement of Offence:
Stealing, contrary to Section 124(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between September 2018 and August 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, while purporting to make payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to ALQARNI ENTERPRISE (the personal trading name and style of FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, your wife), *steal* the sum of about Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢4,401,831.58**) from the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

COUNT SEVEN

Statement of Offence:
Defrauding by false pretences, contrary to Section 131(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, 36 years old, that you, between September 2018 and August 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, and in your capacity as the proprietor of ALQARNI ENTERPRISE (your personal trading name and style) did, by a representation that you had supplied foodstuff to the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, cause the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to *part with* the sum of about Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢4,401,831.58**) to you.

COUNT EIGHT

Statement of Offence:
Dishonestly receiving, contrary to Section 147(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, 36 years old, that you, trading under the name and style of ALQARNI ENTERPRISE, between September 2018 and August 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, with no intention of restoring the same to the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, receive from the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED the sum of about Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢4,401,831.58**), which sum you knew was appropriated through stealing.

COUNT NINE

Statement of Offence:
Money laundering, contrary to Section 1(2)(c) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2020 (Act 1044).

Particulars of Offence

FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, 36 years old, that you, between September 2018 and August 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, while trading under the name and style of ALQARNI ENTERPRISE, take *possession* of the sum of about Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢4,401,831.58**), knowing at the time of taking possession that the money was acquired through stealing from the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

COUNT TEN

Statement of Offence:
Fraudulently causing financial loss to the Republic, contrary to Section 179A(3)(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:

HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, and RICHARD SAM-ASANTE, 44 years old, that you, between September 2018 and August 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, in the course of making payments to from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to FAIZA SEIDU WUNI (trading under the name and style of ALQARNI ENTERPRISE), *fraudulently* cause the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to lose the sum of about Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢4,401,831.58**).

COUNT ELEVEN

Statement of Offence:
Intentionally causing financial loss to the Republic, contrary to Section 179A (2) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, 36 years old, that you, trading under the name and style of ALQARNI ENTERPRISE, between September 2018 and August 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, in the course of transacting with the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, *intentionally* cause the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to *lose* the sum of about Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢4,401,831.58**).

COUNT TWELVE

Statement of Offence:
Stealing, contrary to Section 124(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:

HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, while purporting to make payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE (your personal trading name and style), did *steal* the sum of about Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight Ghana Cedis, and Thirty-six Pesewas (**GH¢5,495,748.36**) from the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

COUNT THIRTEEN

Statement of Offence:

Abetment of stealing, contrary to Section 20(1) and Section 124(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:

RICHARD SAM-ASANTE, 44 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, within the jurisdiction of this Court, and in your capacities as Head of Finance of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, did, while processing payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE (the trading name and style of HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA), *aid* the said HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA to steal the sum of about Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand and Seven Hundred and Forty-eight Ghana cedis and Thirty-six pesewas (**GH¢5,495,748.36**) from the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

COUNT FOURTEEN

Statement of Offence:
Defrauding by false pretences, contrary to Section 131(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, within the jurisdiction of this Court, and in your capacity as the proprietor of ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE (your personal trading name and style) did, by a representation that the said ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE has sold foodstuff to the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, cause the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to *part with* the sum of about Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand and Seven Hundred and Forty-eight Ghana cedis and Thirty-six pesewas (**GH¢5,495,748.36**) to the said ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE.

COUNT FIFTEEN

Statement of Offence:
Fraudulently causing financial loss to the Republic, contrary to Section 179A(3)(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, in the course of making payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE (your personal trading name and style), *fraudulently* cause the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to *lose* the sum of about Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand and Seven Hundred and Forty-eight Ghana cedis and Thirty-six pesewas (**GH¢5,495,748.36**).

COUNT SIXTEEN

Statement of Offence:
Conspiracy to commit a crime, to wit, fraudulently causing financial loss to the Republic, contrary to Section 23(1) and Section 179A(3)(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:

HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, and RICHARD SAM-ASANTE, 44 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2025, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, within the jurisdiction of this Court, and in your respective capacities as the Chief Executive Officer, and the Head of Finance of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, did, in the course of processing payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE (the trading name and style of HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA), *agree to act together* to *fraudulently* cause the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to *lose* the sum of about Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand and Seven Hundred and Forty-eight Ghana cedis and Thirty-six pesewas (**GH¢5,495,748.36**).

COUNT SEVENTEEN

Statement of Offence:
Conspiracy to commit a crime, to wit, money laundering, contrary to Section 1(2)(c) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2020 (Act 1044) and Section 23(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence
THE ALUDIBA FOUNDATION (a private non-profit company), and HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, in the year 2020, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being, respectively, a company limited by guarantee, and the controlling member of the Executive Council of THE ALUDIBA FOUNDATION, did, while purporting to assist the less privileged individuals in communities, take *possession* of the sum of about Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand and Two Hundred Ghana cedis only (**GH¢250,200.00**) from ALQARNI ENTERPRISE (the name and style by which FAIZA SEIDU WUNI trades), knowing at the time of taking possession that the money was acquired through a criminal activity.

COUNT EIGHTEEN

Statement of Offence:
Intentional dissipation of public funds, contrary to Section 1(1) of the Public Property Protection Decree, 1977 (SMCD 140).

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, and RICHARD SAM-ASANTE, 44 years old; that you, in or about July, 2022, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, within the jurisdiction of this Court, and in your respective capacities as the Chief Executive Officer and as the Head of Finance of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, did, for *no value* to the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, *intentionally* make payment of the sum of about Two Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand and Fifty cedis only (**GH¢251,050.00**) from the funds of the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED.

COUNT NINETEEN

Statement of Offence:
Stealing, contrary to Section 124(1) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29).

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, in or about July, 2022, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did, while making payments from the funds of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED to ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED (a company which you own and control), *steal* about Two Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand and Fifty Cedis only **(GH¢251,050.00)** from the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

COUNT TWENTY

Statement of Offence:
Money laundering, contrary to Section 1(2)(c) of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2020 (Act 1044).

Particulars of Offence
ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED, and HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, and owner and director of ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED; that you, in or about July, 2022, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region, within the jurisdiction of this Court, did take *possession* of the sum of about Two Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand and Fifty cedis only (**GH¢251,050.00**) from the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, knowing at the time of taking possession that the money was acquired through intentional dissipation of public funds.

COUNT TWENTY-ONE

Statement of Offence:
Using public office for profit contrary to Section 179C(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29)

Particulars of Offence:
HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between September 2018 and August 2019, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, while holding public office as the Chief Executive Officer of the NATIONAL

FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, through ALQUARNI ENTERPRISE (the trading name and style of FAIZA SEIDU WUNI) did, under the guise of supplying foodstuff to the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, corruptly abuse your office for private benefit in the sum of Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢4,401,831.58**).

COUNT TWENTY-TWO

Statement of Offence:

Using public office for profit contrary to Section 179C(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29)

Particulars of Offence:

HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2025, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, while holding public office as the Chief Executive Officer of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, through SAWTINA ENTERPRISE (the trading name and style of JAMES TIEKU-APAWU) did, under the guise of supplying foodstuff to the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, corruptly abuse your office for private benefit in the sum of Fifty Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand and Two Hundred and Ten Ghana Cedis only (**GH¢50,879,210.00**).

COUNT TWENTY-THREE

Statement of Offence:

Using public office for profit contrary to Section 179C(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29)

Particulars of Offence:

HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2025, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, while holding public office as the Chief Executive Officer of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, through ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE (your personal trading name and style) did, under the guise of supplying foodstuff to the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, corruptly abuse your office for private benefit in the sum of Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand and Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight Ghana Cedis and Ninety-One Pesewas only (**GH¢5,495,748.91**).

COUNT TWENTY-FOUR

Statement of Offence:

Using public office for profit contrary to Section 179C(a) of the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29)

Particulars of Offence:

HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, that you, between February 2017 and February 2025, in Accra in the Greater Accra Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, while holding public office as the Chief Executive Officer of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, through ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED did, under the guise of supplying foodstuff to the said NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED, corruptly abuse your office for private benefit in the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand and Fifty Ghana Cedis only (**GH¢ 251,050.00**).

DATED AT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, THE LAW HOUSE, LIBERIA ROAD, ACCRA, THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

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DR. DOMINIC AKURITINGA AYINE
The Honourable Attorney-General

TO:
THE REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)
ACCRA.

AND FOR SERVICE ON THE ABOVE-NAMED ACCUSED PERSONS OR THEIR LAWYERS.

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ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED	**5TH ACCUSED PERSON**

BRIEF FACTS

1. The 1st Accused Person (**A1**), HANAN ABDUL-WAHAB ALUDIBA, 39 years old, is a native of PUSIGA in the Upper East Region. He was the Chief Executive Officer of the NATIONAL FOOD & BUFFER STOCK COMPANY LIMITED (hereinafter referred to as "NAFCO") from the years 2017 to 2025. NAFCO is a national strategic food security agency – they buy and store foodstuff for public use. It was incorporated in the year 2010 as a limited liability company. The Government is its sole shareholder. In the year 2017, the Government tasked NAFCO to buy, store and supply foodstuff to the national school feeding component of the Free Senior High School program. **A1** was, thus, responsible for the day-to-day running of NAFCO and the special task of supplying foodstuff to the school feeding program. NAFCO has bank accounts with the Agricultural Development Bank, Ecobank Ghana, and the National Investment Bank. It will later, under the auspices of **A1** (and for reasons which will be clear in this trial) open a new account with the Republic Bank.

2. The 2nd Accused Person (**A2**), FAIZA SEIDU WUNI, a native of BAWKU in the Upper East Region, is **A1**'s wife. **A2** is a proprietor of many businesses. **A2** became a proprietor in these businesses only immediately after **A1**, her husband, was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of NAFCO. One of **A2**'s enterprises include the ones she conducts as a sole proprietor under the names and styles of ALQARNI ENTERPRISE. **A2** registered this business name on **July 10, 2018**, with the business name registration number **BN352432018**). The other business is FA-HAUSA VENTURES. FA-HAUSA VENTURES was registered

on December 19, 2019, with the business name registration number **BN697132019**).

3. Besides being the CEO of NAFCO, **A1** is also a sole proprietor of private business enterprises, all of which he started after becoming CEO of NAFCO. One of such business enterprises is the one he registered under the name and style of ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE. Also, **A1** had another company, the 4th Accused Person (**A4**), THE ALUDIBA FOUNDATION. **A4** is a friendly society (a non-governmental organisation) incorporated with the object of "assisting the less privileged individuals in communities". It was incorporated on **June 19, 2019**, with registration number **CG086062019**). **A1** together with EMMANUEL ARTHUR and MAUDA ADUM-ATTA are **A4**'s Executive Council members. Further, **A1** and his wife, **A2**, jointly own another company – FA-HAUSA COMPANY LIMITED (registered as a limited liability company on **September 23, 2020**, with registration number **CS165752020**).

4. The 3rd Accused Person (**A3**), RICHARD SAM-ASANTE, 44 years old. He was the Head of Finance at NAFCO from the year 2017 to the year 2024. **A1** (as CEO) and **A3** (as Head of Finance) were the signatories to NAFCO's bank accounts. The 5th Accused Person (**A5**) – ENERGY PARTNERS LIMITED. **A5** was incorporated under the laws of Ghana as a limited liability company on **June 21, 2021.** Its incorporation records disclose "oil and gas supplies, steel construction, development services, logistics, freight forwarding, transportation, project engineering, management offshore sourcing, and bulk fuel lifting and distribution" as its objects. **A1** also owns 80% of **A5**'s shares, and is, thereby, **A5**'s controlling shareholder and director.

5. JAMES TIEKU-APAWU, who will testify for the Prosecution in this trial, is a Regional Manager of NAFCO. He is responsible for NAFCO's affairs in the Northern, Savannah and North-East regions. JAMES TIEKU-APAWU, too, is a sole proprietor of businesses. In respect of one such businesses, he trades under the registered name and style of SAWTINA ENTERPRISE (SAWTINA).

6. Earlier this year, the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) of the Attorney-General's Department received tipoffs that **A1** has, over the eight years that he was the CEO of NAFCO, embezzled hundreds of millions of Ghana Cedis from NAFCO. Other tipoffs also indicated that **A1** has applied the embezzled monies to acquire vast estates and businesses across the country and elsewhere.

7. EOCO's preliminary investigations revealed that almost Seventy-Eight Million Ghana Cedis (Ghs78,000.00) had moved from the bank accounts of NAFCO to

SAWTINA. Further investigations reveal that these funds were transferred in a series of eighty-six (86) transaction between October 2019 and September 2023. The transfers were made from NAFCO into SAWTINA's bank account number **0177278321018** with the Republic Bank, Labone branch. It is important to note that **A1** maintains several bank accounts with the Labone branch of the Republic Bank, with the same bank relationship officer managing all the accounts. The relationship officer will testify for the Prosecution in this trial.

8. Subsequent investigations revealed that sometime in or about 2018, JAMES TIEKU-APAWU, the then Regional Manager at NAFCO, approached **A1** and informed him of his desire to buy and supply foodstuff to NAFCO. **A1** agreed. However, by NAFCO regulations, it is only a licenced buying company which could supply foodstuff to NAFCO. So, **A1** had JAMES TIEKU-APAWU's business – SAWTINA – quickly approved as a licenced buying company. Investigations revealed that JAMES TIEKU-APAWU immediately started trading with NAFCO.

9. Under interrogation, JAMES TIEKU-APAWU admitted receiving a total of Sixty-nine Million, Six Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-six Ghana cedis and Twenty-nine pesewas (**GH¢ 69,616,226.29**) from NAFCO into SAWTINA's bank account. He, however, explained that only about 20% of that amount was for genuine supplies he made to NAFCO. EOCO's investigations reveal that the remaining 80% of the bank transfers was for no supplies. Investigations have established that more than 50 Million Ghana Cedis was transferred from SAWTINA's bank account back to **A1** directly, to his other businesses, to his wife's businesses, and for the acquisition of landed properties in prime areas in Accra. The cheques for the transfers from NAFCO were signed by **A1** (as CEO of NAFCO) and **A3** (as Head of Finance at NAFCO).

10. Investigations discovered, too, that a total sum of Five Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-eight Ghana cedis, and Thirty-six pesewas (**GH¢ 5,495,748.36**) was paid from NAFCO funds to ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE between February 2017 and February 2019. Further investigations have established that ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE is not a NAFCO licenced buying company and has never traded or dealt with NAFCO. **A1** is the sole proprietor of ALUDIBA ENTERPRISE and trades under that name and style.

11. Again, in July 2022, NAFCO transferred an amount of Two Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand and Fifty cedis only (**GH¢ 251,050.00**) into a bank account at the Labone branch of the Republic Bank. The bank account belongs to **A5**. Investigations have established that **A5** never rendered any services or

supplied any goods to NAFCO. In a series of police investigative caution interviews, EMMANUEL ARTHUR (the co-owner and co-director with **A1** of **A5**) stated that **A1** directed him to pick the cheque from NAFCO for deposit into **A5**'s bank account, which he did.

12. Additionally, investigations have established that **A1** caused to be paid from NAFCO's funds an amount of about Four Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-one Ghana cedis and Fifty-eight pesewas (**GH¢ 4,401,831.58**) to ALQARNI ENTERPRISE. **A1** made this payment under the description that ALQARNI ENTERPRISE has supplied foodstuff to NAFCO. Investigations, however, revealed that ALQARNI ENTERPRISE has never supplied foodstuff to NAFCO. It was not even a licenced buyer for NAFCO. In fact, ALQARNI ENTERPRISE is the personal trading name and style of **A2, A1**'s wife.

13. Also, investigations have revealed that from February 2020, to November, 2022, **A1** made several deposits into the bank account of FA-HAUSA VENTURES. The sum of these deposits is Thirteen Million, Two Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred and One Ghana cedis, and Fifty-two pesewas (**GH¢ 13,213,501.52**). In fact, FA-HAUSA VENTURES is the name and style under which **A2** trades. Investigations into the bank transactions of FA-HAUSA VENTURES reveals that **A1**, though not formally a partner in FA-HAUSA VENTURES, is a signatory to FA-HAUSA VENTURES's bank account at the Republic Bank, Labone branch. Further investigations into these deposits have established the sources of these monies, namely, from NAFCO through the bank account of SAWTINA. SAWTINA is the name and style under which **A1**'s subordinate at NAFCO – JAMES TIEKU-APAWU – personally purports to trade with NAFCO. For instance, on **July 9, 2020,** investigations established that JAMES TIEKU-APAWU deposited an amount of Five Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (Ghs500,000.00) from the bank account of SAWTINA into the bank account of FA-HAUSA VENTURES.

14. Subsequent investigations have established that the monies which **A1, A2** and their associates deposited into FA-HAUSA VENTURES bank account were used by **A1** and **A2** to purchase properties in prime areas in Accra, Tamale and elsewhere. Investigations have also established that a significant amount of the monies in FA-HAUSA VENTURES's bank account – in excess of **GH¢ 161,459,987.27** – were also invested by **A1** and **A2** in money instruments and other securities and investments products for their personal use and benefit. Investigation have also established that monies were transferred from ALQARNI ENTERPRISE to THE ALUDIBA FOUNDATION for the use and benefits of **A1** and **A2**.

15. Following these preliminary investigative findings, EOCO investigators, on **June 25, 2025,** carried out a coordinated operation for the arrest of **A1** and the other suspects. **A1** was arrested at about 11:00 am at his home at Chain Homes, Airport East, Accra. He was cautioned, interviewed, and admitted to police investigative inquiry bail. The other suspects were simultaneously arrested in Tamale and elsewhere. They have been cautioned, interviewed and are admitted to police investigative inquiry bail. **A3** is currently at large.

16. On account of the foregoing, the accused persons have been arraigned before this Court to be charged for the offences stated on the charge sheet.

DATED AT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, THE LAW HOUSE, LIBERIA ROAD, ACCRA, THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

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