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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

UPDATES ON THE PROCESS TO RE-ADMIT MR. KAIZER EBIWARI AND HIS GROUP AS MEMBERS OF ISPON

The Institute wishes to use this medium to update all law abiding members and the general public on the status of ongoing efforts to bring back Mr. Kaizer Ebiwari and his group, having been expelled for over five years due to their continuous disobedience to laws and other gross misconducts. At the same time, this circular will clarify the misinformation contained in a document titled "ISPN RECONCILIATION MEETING - JOURNEY SO FAR" dated December 21, 2023 and related misinformation which are being circulated by these expelled members and the few young professionals they may have misled.

1. First, it should be noted that the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria is a body corporate established by an Act of the Federal Government of Nigeria. Therefore administration of the Institute shall always be consistent with the provisions of the Act. The Act does not make room for any form of parallel governance in ISPN and there cannot be more than one President at any time. As at when Mr. Kaizer and his group started the problems in ISPN, Dr. Nnamdi Ilodiuba FISPAN was the legal President confirmed by the Federal High Court. He was succeeded by Pastor Evaristus Uzamere FISPAN, who was also succeeded by Engr. Timothy C. Iwuagwu FISPAN, the current President of the Institute.
2. Mr. Kaizer Ebiwari has never been a President of ISPN. In fact, he was already expelled by ISPN before he got the mantle of illegality from his accomplice, Dr. Yusuf Malgwi, who embarrassingly was sworn in by Mr. Benson Adam-Otite, a staff of ISPN who was at the time, sacked as Registrar. The process that brought Dr. Yusuf Malgwi was declared null and void by the Federal High Court in 2018. The judgement was challenged by Dr. Yusuf Malgwi and finally lost in 2022. This leaves every rational mind with the question of "where are these people operating from, and what is the source of their authority?". It is surprising how Mr. Kaizer Ebiwari continues in his deliberate act of public deceit and misinformation while parading himself as the "President" of the Institute.
3. Let it be on record that ISPN cannot be built on lies and deceits that are currently being circulated by Mr. Kaizer and his group in their unfortunate shopping for public relevance and undeserved sympathy. The first and true step towards reconciliation is the acknowledgement of facts that will give opportunity for clear unbiased discussions.



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4. From the onset, Mr. Kaizer and his group have been grossly disobedient to the laws of Federal Republic of Nigeria as they have continued to disregard judgements and orders of courts, including but not limited to the judgement of the Federal High Court sitting in Owerri in 2018, which they contested and lost in Federal High Court sitting in Umuahia. Particularly, these judgements clearly indicated that Mr. Kaizer Ebiwari is not the President of the Institute. But due to their inherent spirit of lawlessness and impunity, they have continued to defraud Nigerians in the name of ISPON even after the courts have declared all their activities and certificates issued therefrom null and void.
5. Nigerians should ask Mr. Kaizer Ebiwari how he decorated himself as the President, doing so against the laws which he claims to be upholding. Nigerians should also, if needs be, advise Mr. Kaizer Ebiwari to stop recognizing himself as the President if he truly wants to be re-admitted to the Institute. ISPON has maintained that there cannot be any reconciliation in the midst of fraudulent activities and hateful deception. We cannot afford to build further on illegality. Let Mr. Kaizer and his group first recognize that they are not above the laws of Nigeria and be willing to respect the decisions of our law courts which they have continued to criminally disregard. Otherwise produced their source of authority.
6. In their document of deception, they mentioned a committal case against Mr. Kaizer and his cohorts. For the sake of clarity, a committal process is normally initiated against individuals who are disobedient to court orders, especially in an aggravated case like theirs. The committal process is part of deliberate actions by the Institute to stop impunity for the sake of saving ISPON from derailment. It looks like they forgot to mention that they also have a case to answer at Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) where the antigraft agency is currently investigating them for fraudulent activities, including criminal deceptions and obtaining false pretense since 2018. If Mr. Kaizer and his cohorts do not see themselves as disobedient and criminally liable, they should have nothing to be worried about the outcomes of any committal process against them from ISPON.
7. For avoidance of doubt and contrary to their claims, ISPON is in the process of reconciling all law-abiding members who might have, by one way or the other, found themselves on the wrong side of the table. Further and contrary to the claims of a third faction, the legally recognized ISPON remains one indivisible corporate entity. Pastor Evaristus Uzamere FISPON was the legal President elected on the 9th April 2021, whose tenure expired also in April 2023 after a two-year tenure. But unfortunately he continued without recourse to the ISPON Act. In October 2023, the court, noting that they outgone Board was long out of mandate, ordered the Institute to immediately conduct another



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election to be held at the National Secretariat of ISPN in Lagos because for some reasons, the Governing Board of Pastor Evaristus Uzamere FISPAN did not conduct an election after the expiration of their tenure in April 2023. It was at this election on the 31st October 2023 that Engr. Timothy C. Iwuagwu FISPAN emerged as the President of ISPN among other 22 contestants who vied 12 seats in the Governing Board. We understand that Mr. Kaizer and his group have no regards to the laws of Nigeria, and in their deliberate acts of deception, they have chosen not to understand the legal process of administering the Institute.

Every knowledgeable individual may also note that any decision or arrangement made by members, no matter how highly or lowly placed, not in tandem with the Act remains null and void. Therefore the illegal arrangement/agreements, by Mr. Kaizer, his cohorts and Pastor Uzamere, not to conduct election, despite the explicit provisions of the ISPN Act for elections to be conducted not later than two years from the date of the last election, speaks volume.

8. All ISPN members are encouraged to remain resolute and committed in our collective pursuit of a purposeful leadership devoid of deception and negative biases. Again, I would like to emphasize that the Institute will bring back all law-abiding members who have been misled into errors by Mr. Kaizer and his cohorts. This will be done in line with Section 13(8) of Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria Act 2014, and the General Policy Guidelines 2.0 of 2016.
9. Importantly, all members should visit the official website of the Institute at www.ispon.gov.ng to submit their details for inclusion in the ongoing membership regularization exercise. The deadline for this exercise is January 31, 2024. Any member who misses this regularization may have their membership reviewed in line with the policies of the Institute.

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