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Minutes of DG Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Venue: Dr AB Xuma, 112 Voortrekker Road, Pretoria

Time: 08H00 – 09H00

**RE: MC PHARMA COVID-19 VACCINE (Sinopharm COVID-19 Vaccine)**

In attendance: -

Department of Health	Dr Buthelezi (Dr B) Dr Aquina Thulare (Dr AT) Ms Khadija K. Jamaloodien (KKJ)
MC Pharma (Pty) Ltd	Mr Muzi Mtimandze (MM) Mr Isaac Makae (IM) Mr Solomon Mthembu (SM) Ms Nondumiso Gazi (NG) Ms Tracy Burger (TB)

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to present the COVID-19 Vaccine MC Pharma (Sinopharm) in a meeting with the Director General.

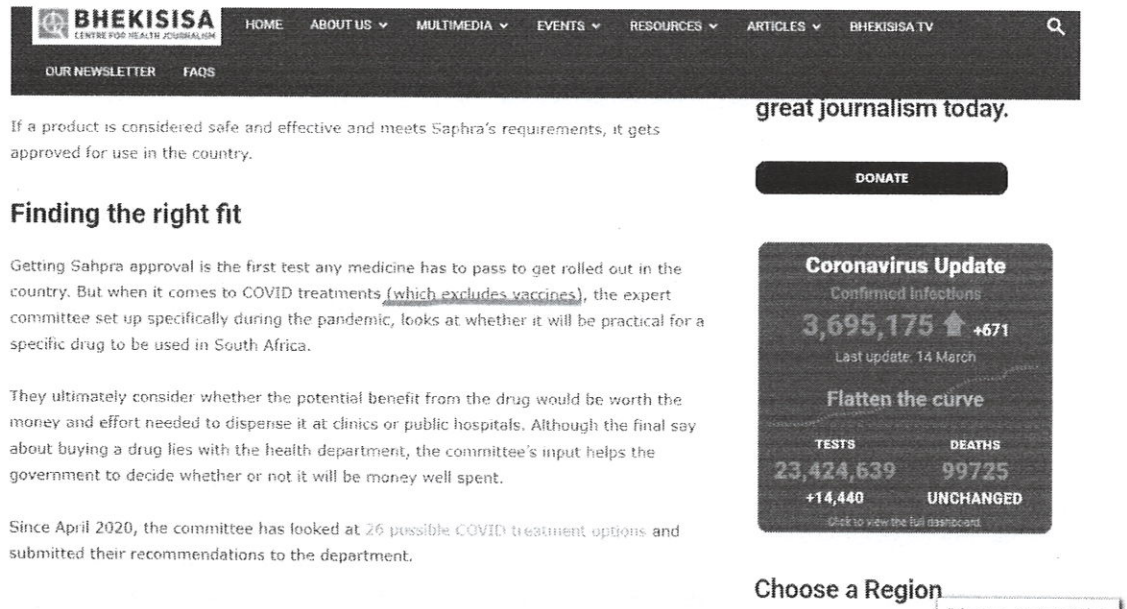
Below we refer to the resolutions of the meeting.

The meeting resolved that Ms Khadija Jamaloodien – Director, Affordable Medicines, will email the following to MC Pharma:

1. The following review reports will be shared with MC Pharma
  - Molnupiravir (Received, thank you)
  - Pfizer (awaited)
  - Johnson and Johnson (awaited)

2. Bhekisisa article (Received, thank you): We note that the article only refers to the process of reviewing COVID-19 therapeutics and specifically states that the said process excludes vaccines.

See below screengrab from the article.



The screenshot shows the Bhekisisa website header with navigation links: HOME, ABOUT US, MULTIMEDIA, EVENTS, RESOURCES, ARTICLES, and BHEKISISA TV. Below the header, the article title "Finding the right fit" is displayed. The main text discusses the regulatory process for COVID-19 treatments, noting that the expert committee specifically excludes vaccines. A sidebar on the right features a "DONATE" button and a "Coronavirus Update" widget showing 3,695,175 confirmed infections and a "Flatten the curve" section with test and death statistics.

3. Kindly advise as to why the MC Pharma Covid-19 Vaccine has to go through the NEMLC process (despite full regulatory evaluation) and not be exempted as per the reference article.
4. Kindly provide us with the DoH's institutionalised written process and procedure for listing medicines to the NEML and National COVID Vaccination Programme.

We are looking forward to working with DoH in serving South Africans through ensuring access and choice of all affordable medicines and look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

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