

Warrant of arrest out as DCEO pursues Frazer



Former Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Temeki Tšolo stands accused of fraud and abuse of power together with Robert Frazer

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MASERU – Directorate on Corruption and Economic Offences (DCEO) investigators have completed their investigations into former government minister, Temeki Tšolo, and German company Frazer Solar GmbH (FSG) boss, Robert Frazer, and preferred charges of fraud and abuse of power against them.

Frazer heads international energy company FSG, an Australian-German developer of utility scale of utility scale

and nationally significant renewable energy projects.

After collapse of a solar energy project between FSG and the government of Lesotho, allegedly facilitated by Tšolo, the company accused Lesotho of a series of contractual breaches related to the energy project.

In January 2020, an independent South African arbitrator ruled in Frazer Solar's favour in the matter that ensued.

But the High Court of Lesotho in its judgment this week declared that the supply agreement between the government and Frazer Solar was unconstitutional, unlawful and invalid.

The duo, according to a statement issued by the DCEO in Maseru today, were initially charged before the Maseru Magistrate Court, a case that was on November 8 committed to the High Court of Lesotho.

Since Frazer is not in the country, efforts are being made to secure him – a warrant of arrest has been issued against him.

German Solar energy company, Frazer Solar has shot down the ruling made on Wednesday by the High Court of Lesotho that declares the supply agreement of a renewable energy project signed in 2018 by Lesotho and the company unlawful.