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Update from the IST Board on the Incident on IST Land

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Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff,

In the afternoon of 6 March 2009, IST entered the unused residential house on our property at the corner of Chole and Ruvu roads in order to begin utilizing the property. **In accordance with Tanzanian law** and with the advice of our lawyer, the Board of Directors of IST retained the services of a court broker, who was instructed to open the property, inventory and secure the contents in order to gain vacant possession, accompanied by Tanzanian police officers. IST holds title to the entire plot of land bounded, served notice on the Swedish School Society to vacate the lot they occupy in December 2007, and has locked and guarded the residential property since December 2008.

As the court broker attempted to perform his duties, security guards contracted by the Swedish School obstructed the broker in this performance. These guards and members of the Swedish School became aggressive and the Swedish School contracted guards crossed from the lot currently occupied by the Swedish School into the vacant lot.

In addition, the Swedish School teachers failed to control their children allowing the children at the Swedish School to move in close proximity of these actions. No adult on the Swedish School side made any move to remove the children from the scene. Instead, in the presence of the children the adults continued to escalate the situation.

At this point, the IST Board decided that it would be the responsible action to postpone our plan to use the house to avoid an altercation and especially to protect the Swedish School children.

We request the assurance of the Swedish School Society that when in the future IST acts to open this part of IST, members of the School and its contract employees will not obstruct the work of the duly vested broker in the performance of his duties. We would expect the Swedish School Societies members will not engage in any harassing or belligerent behavior and above all will not irresponsibly place it students at risk.

At this time, we do not intend to take such an action regarding the part of the IST land currently occupied by the Swedish School and the subject of discussions between our two boards as well as our legal action to restore our rights. However, the continued vacancy of the corner lot, our desperate need to use all our land possible for our current activities and proposed development, and our concern that a third party has designs on obtaining that lot have prompted us to take this action now.

Parents who are interested in more background may wish to read previous letters on the topic of the land dispute with Swedish School which are posted on the Board section of our website. Please feel free to email board@istafrica.com with any questions.