

MEDIA STATEMENT

MARIKANA COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ADJOURNED

The Marikana Commission of Inquiry has adjourned from 3 October 2012 until 22 October 2012. The decision was taken to allow for the proper facilitation of legal processes and to align administrative targets to ensure that the Commission realises its mandate to bring about truth, restoration and justice following the Marikana tragedy.

The adjournment will also allow time for finalisation of logistics which will enable family members of the deceased to attend the Commission's hearings. The Commission is at an advanced stage of preparation along with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development and the Department of Social Development in finalising a procurement and logistical framework to transport and accommodate families of the deceased from all affected areas, in particular, the Eastern Cape. The first two days of the Commission focused on an in loco inspection of pertinent sites in Marikana and proceeded without a glitch. On the third day of its proceedings the commission deliberated on the possibility of an adjournment which was approved by a majority of legal representatives. A pre-hearing conference was then convened amongst legal representatives to allow parties time to facilitate a proper discovery of legal documents, exchange lists of witnesses, determine the order in which evidence is led and the type of evidence to be led, decide whether the Commission adopts a thematic or chronological approach to its reporting and the time frames within which written submissions should be filed after conclusion of hearings.

The Commission appeals to all members of the public and media who have raw video footage of the events falling within its mandate to submit it to them as this will help its work significantly.

Media accreditation has been closed due to the adjournment of the proceedings of the commission. Members of the media will be advised when the accreditation will be open. Media who have submitted their details are not required to re-submit their details.

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