



MEDIA ADVISORY

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MARIKANA COMMISSION ADJOURNS

The Marikana Commission of Inquiry has adjourned today, Thursday, 18 April 2013 and will resume on Monday, 22 April 2013.

The National Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS), General Ria Phiyega who began with her testimony on the 14th March 2014 will present herself on the 22nd of April 2013 for further cross-examination. Adv Dali Mpofu is expected to re-join the commission when it resumes next week.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) continues to give evidence on the role they played on the events that are the subject of the Marikana Commission of Inquiry.

Meanwhile, a decision in respect of relocating the seat of the Commission has not been made, pending further input from participants in response to the matters raised by those objecting. This matter was postponed to allow Adv Mpofu time to recover until such time that he is able to re-join the Commission.

On 01 March 2013, Maluleke Msimang & Associates, acting for approximately 300 victims of the Marikana tragedy, lodged an application with the Commission to relocate the seat of the Commission from Rustenburg to Pretoria. The application was supported by the Socio-Economic Rights Institute (SERI) acting for the families of more than 30 deceased miners. The reasons given include the financial burden as a result of daily travel and daily accommodation as well as other logistical costs including time spent on the road. Subsequently, lawyers representing the Administrator of the Bapo ba Mogale Traditional Community and the local municipalities filed an opposing affidavit to have the Commission continue its work in Rustenburg. Some of the reasons given are that the relocation of the Commission will deny Traditional Mining Communities in the North West Province access to justice.

The parties will be given an opportunity to present their arguments when the Commission resumes on 22 April 2013.

The Commission will resume at 10:00.

Ends...

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