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MARIKANA COMMISSION POSTPONE HEARINGS TO RESOLVE FUNDING ISSUE

Earlier today, the Commission sought an update from Mr Dali Mpofu, the Advocate representing the injured and arrested miners in respect of the interim funding applied for from donors.

On Monday last week, Mr Dali Mpofu, asked the Commission to adjourn the Commission's sittings temporarily until after the Constitutional Court had given judgement on the appeal his clients had noted against the High Court judgement refusing them an order that they be granted state funding for legal representation before the Commission.

A temporary adjournment was allowed by the Commission to accord those requiring funding to pursue discussions with possible funders.

The Commission was informed that all initiatives to secure interim funding were unsuccessful.

The Chairman of the Commission, retired judge Ian Gordon Farlam, noted that he had been reliably informed that another body may well decide to provide the funding sought and that the decision should be known by end of tomorrow, Tuesday, 30 July 2013. He said that he was not at liberty to say more than that.

"Though it is regrettable that another two day sitting time will be lost in addition to the days already lost, it is however desirable that every effort be made to ensure a process as inclusive as possible. In these circumstances the proceedings will be adjourned until Wednesday when, if funding had not been made available, the Commission will need to address the question of whether the proceedings should be postponed," says judge Farlam.

Hearings will resume on Wednesday, 31 July 2013 at 9:00.

Ends...

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