



**28 March 2014**

**MARIKANA COMMISSION COMMENCES PHASE 2 SEMINARS**

The Marikana Commission will be hosting a series of public seminars as part of its phase 2 hearings. It is anticipated that these will enable the Commission to obtain information and advice from a wide range of experts on identified topics and open these matters up for public debate. The first of these will be held on Monday 31 March 2014.

North West Air-Wing Commander Lieutenant Colonel Salmon Vermaak, from the South African Police Service (SAPS), started testifying at the Marikana Commission on Monday 24 March 2014. He was led by the Commission's Evidence Leaders in his evidence-in-chief and not the SAPS legal team.

The witness was this week cross-examined by Advocate George Bizos, on behalf of the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) and Advocate Louis Gumbi for Lieutenant Shitumo Solomon Baloyi and the family of Warrant Officer Sello Leepaku.

The Commission will not have hearings on Monday 31 March 2014 as it will host its first phase 2 seminar titled 'Bargaining Arrangements on the Platinum Industry'. There will also be no hearings on Wednesday 2 April 2014. The Commission will nonetheless sit on Tuesday 1 April, Thursday 3 April and Friday 4 April.

The Commission will continue with the discussions on the in-camera application of Mr X when it resumes on Tuesday 1 April.

Advocate Dumisa Ntsebeza on behalf of the families of the deceased strikers, is expected to start cross-examining the witness on Tuesday 1 April when the Commission resumes.

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## **PROGRAMME**

### **PHASE 2 SEMINAR: 31 MARCH 2014: 15H00-18H00**

#### **PANEL DISCUSSION 1: BARGAINING ARRANGEMENTS IN PLATINUM**

1. Opening remarks by the Chair Mr Les Kettleidas
2. Introduction to the seminar series. Adv Geoff Budlender SC
3. Presentations:
  1. Department of Labour (Mr Ian Macun)  
"Workers bypassing unions  
How to respond?" (30mnts)
  2. Professor Sakhela Buhlungu (The Dean: Humanities UCT)  
"Post-Apartheid  
Trade union role and weaknesses" (30mnts)
4. Tea Break (15mnts)
  3. Video presentation: Mr John Brand (Bowman Gilfillan)  
"Violence and Rivalry in Collective Bargaining" (30mnts)
5. Discussion (1hr)
6. Closing remarks and announcements of the date and topic of the next seminar. Adv Matthew Chaskalson SC