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ACSA TO APPEAL CONTEMPT JUDGMENT IN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DISPUTE

BEDFORDVIEW, 20 August 2021 – Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) will be appealing the Gauteng High Court judgment delivered by Acting Judge Crutchfield on the contempt of court application brought by Cape Medics, one of the two companies that are contracted to provide Emergency Medical Services at three of its international airports.

ACSA is of the view that another court considering the facts placed before the court will come to a different conclusion and that the court misdirected itself in coming to the conclusion that ACSA is in contempt of court. ACSA has taken all reasonable steps to provide the equipment required to comply with licence conditions at its airports as required by the Departments of Health in the provinces where its airports are situated.

ACSA has provided the equipment and supplies required to perform the Emergency Medical Services where specific brands of equipment could not be provided reasonable alternatives were made available to Cape Medics. Procurement of such would have been in contravention of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999 (PFMA).

In addition, Cape Medics expected ACSA to provide regulated medical products which ACSA is not licensed to procure, distribute, or dispense as this would be irregular in terms of ACSA's mandate and Department of Health regulations.

ACSA Spokesperson Refentse Shinnars said "It is rather unfortunate that we find ourselves in conflict with one of our service providers. We naturally strive to maintain healthy relationships with our partners and hope to reach a fair and just conclusion to this matter."

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