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North Gauteng High Court Postpones Applications on Gun Licences

Pretoria November 24. The North Gauteng High Court heard an Application brought by the South African Arms and Ammunition Dealers Association (SAAADA) against the Minister of Police and others.

According to reports, the Judge in the matter – Judge Raulinga, ‘was very well informed on the matter and was aware of the Application of the SA Hunters’. The Judge decided that all the matters relating to the late renewal of firearm licences should be heard together, but not joined. The Judge apparently felt that the various issues dealt with the totality of the problems with administration of the Firearms Control Act by SAPS and that a holistic approach to the matter should be adopted.

The Judge declined to grant any relief at this stage and further directed that the matter be postponed to a date to be determined in April 2017. A date circa 20th April onwards was discussed. It also emerged that in the Judge’s opinion, all three Court cases dealing with the late renewal of licences should be heard by two Judges.

Meanwhile the SA Hunters case, in which SAGA is committed as *Amicus Curiae* (Friend of the Court) has been set down in the same Court for April 25th and 26th 2017.

It follows that matters relating to the late renewal of firearm licences will only be dealt with in April 2017 - at the earliest. In the interim all Gun Owners are advised to seek qualified legal advice prior to taking any action in connection with general licence renewal issues and expired licences.

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