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**Media statement**

**LEGAL AID SOUTH AFRICA APPEAL THE JUDGEMENT IN THE  
MARIKANA COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

Legal Aid SA today announced that it has filed an application for leave to appeal the recent North Gauteng High Court judgment compelling the organisation to provide funding for the legal representation of the injured and arrested miners in the Marikana Commission of Inquiry.

“We stand by our view that the judgment will have an effect on the sustainability of the organisation in providing access to justice in criminal and civil legal aid matters for the poor and vulnerable,” says the Legal Aid SA’s CEO Ms Vidhu Vedalankar.

Legal Aid SA has been advised that the legal team representing the injured and arrested miners will apply for an order in terms of rule 49(11) of the Uniform Rules compelling Legal Aid SA to comply with the court order while the appeal is considered. Legal Aid SA confirmed that it will not oppose the order to fund the injured Marikana miners in the Marikana Commission of Inquiry pending the finalisation of the appeal process.

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Please be reminded that the name of our organisation **Legal Aid South Africa** is **correctly abbreviated as Legal Aid SA** and not as LASA. We respectfully request that you use the correct abbreviation **Legal Aid SA** which is representative of our Mission to deliver quality **legal aid** services to the poor and vulnerable in South Africa.