



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC WELCOMES THE LABOUR COURT JUDGEMENT IN THE MATTER OF BEMAWU VS THE SABC ON THE SECTION 189 PROCESS

Johannesburg - Friday, 22 January 2021—The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) welcomes today’s Labour Court dismissal of BEMAWU’s application for leave to appeal.

Following the Labour Court’s dismissal with costs of BEMAWU’s 2 December 2020 application to declare the Section 189 process as irregular, the Court has today dismissed BEMAWU’s leave to appeal the judgement with costs. The Court has ruled that there was simply no reasonable prospects that another Court could come to a different conclusion, based on the facts presented by BEMAWU and their failure to prove that there was a material failure in the section 189A (13) process of the LRA.

The Court further held that “the envisaged dismissal free zone envisaged by section 189A is 60 days, which has long passed. This whole process must end”.

The Labour Court has therefore once again validated the SABC’s section 189 process as being procedurally fair and that all participating stakeholders were afforded ample opportunity to engage meaningfully.

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