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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 2697 OF 2004

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA (LSSA) FOR AN EXEMPTION IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 1 OF THE COMPETITION ACT 1998 FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PART A OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE ACT

Notice is hereby given in terms of item 3(a) of Schedule 1 of the Competition Act, Act 89 of 1998 as amended, that the LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA (LSSA), has applied to the Competition Commission in terms of item 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act for an exemption of certain of the respective rules of the four statutory provincial law societies in South Africa, from certain provisions of Part A of Chapter 2 of the Act.

The constituent associations of the LSSA on whose behalf this application is brought to the Commission are:

The Law Society of the Northern Provinces, incorporated as the Law Society of the Transvaal, the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope, incorporated as the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope; the Law Society of the Free State, incorporated as the Law Society of the Orange Free State and the Law Society of Kwa-Zulu Natal, incorporated as the Natal Law Society.

The application is based on the possibility that certain of the statutory law societies' respective rules might potentially be considered to contain restrictions that has the effect of substantially preventing or lessening competition in the market, but that those rules are reasonably required to maintain professional standards or the ordinary function of the profession.

Interested parties may, within 20 business days from the date of this notice, make written representations to the Commission concerning the application. The last day on which submissions may be received, will be 10 December 2004.

Such representations may be directed to the Manager, Enforcement and Exemptions, Private Bag X23, Lynnwood Ridge 0040 or by facsimile to number 012 394 3261. (Case number: 2004 Jul 1127)

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