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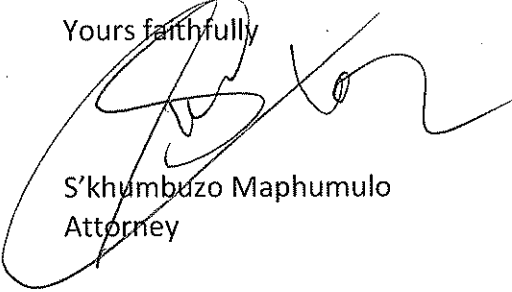
Dear Madam,

RE: PROVISION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR GRADE 12 LEARNERS

1. We refer to previous correspondence in this matter, particularly our letter of 25 June 2010.
2. We further refer to the meeting between yourself, other government officials including Messrs John Lyners and Benny Schreriker, and representatives of our clients, Equal Education, which was held at the latter's offices on 08 July 2010.
3. Our clients have instructed us to convey their appreciation to you for initiating the meeting. They regard this as an indication of your willingness to address the problems brought to the attention of the Western Cape Education Department ("WCED") through our letter dated 18 June 2010.

4. The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request, as conveyed to our clients at that meeting, that the WCED be given 10 days from the beginning of the school term, 13 July 2010, to address the textbooks problem.
5. In the light of the views expressed at that meeting, our clients are willing to stay legal proceedings until 22 July 2010. If however the textbooks are not provided by that date in accordance with our initial letter of 18 June 2010, our clients will have no alternative but to bring an urgent application for appropriate relief. The application will necessarily be brought on an urgent basis, in the light of the facts of this matter and the continuing prejudice to the learners concerned. Our clients sincerely hope, however, that this will not be necessary.
6. For the record, we note that when schools re-opened today Grade 12 learners at both Chris Hani and KwaMfundo were still without the textbooks required to enable them to prepare for their exams.
7. We note that we have not yet had a response to our letter of 25 June 2010, which pertinently asked whether Chris Hani and KwaMfundo had requested the WCED to provide additional textbooks and, if so, when such requests were made. We request your urgent response to these questions, and to the other questions raised in that letter.
8. We look forward to hearing from you urgently.

Yours faithfully



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