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Participation of the media at the Inquiry

- (a) Print journalists, and other media representatives who do not intend to take photographs or make video or sound recordings of the proceedings of the Commission, are entitled to attend the proceedings of the Commission on the same basis and subject to the same conditions as members of the public. They do require accreditation in order to attend and report on the proceedings.
- (b) Accreditation of the media
- (i) Accreditation is required by media representatives for the purpose of photographing, recording or broadcasting the proceedings of the Commission. Other media representatives may also apply for accreditation in order to have access to the media facilities which will be provided. A media centre will be made available to the media at Council Chamber, Sammy Marks Square.
 - (ii) Application for accreditation may be made by a representative, employer or employee of a legitimate news media house, news publication, TV or radio broadcaster, web news channel, news agency or photographic agency. A freelance journalist or employee of a TV or film production house will require a letter or proof, that he or she is a bona fide journalist, from a news media entity, news media house, news publication, TV or radio broadcaster, web news channel, news agency or photographic agency, commissioning him or her to provide coverage or reports of the Commission's work. A registered student in journalism will require proof of his or her registration with a tertiary institution offering courses or training in journalism. Any media representative or employer may apply for accreditation subject to conditions relating to accreditation as set by the Commission. Applications for accreditation must be sent to William Baloyi at WBaloyi@armscomm.org.za. He may be contacted on 078 095 9477, Tel: 012 358 3999.
 - (iii) The deadline for applications for accreditation is on the 29th July 2013. Applications must be sent to the Arms Procurement Commission.
 - (iv) Any person who is refused accreditation may appeal to the Commission, which shall decide whether accreditation shall be granted. If the Secretary considers



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withdrawing accreditation the affected party must be afforded the opportunity to make representations before a decision is made.

- (v) Accredited media representatives and employers shall comply with the rules and conditions of the accreditation and any directive that the Secretary of the Commission may issue under the instruction of the Commission.
- (vi) The Secretary of the Commission may, after giving notice to the person affected, revoke the accreditation at any time for breach of a rule, condition or directive issued by the Secretary. Any person whose accreditation is withdrawn may appeal to the Commission.
- (vii) Accredited media representatives must display their accreditation cards to the security personnel on request, failing which they may be denied the access which is provided by accreditation.
- (viii) Accredited media representatives may use media facilities provided for that purpose at the Commission premises.

(c) Photographic Accreditation

Accredited media representatives may be allowed to take photographs of the proceedings, including the inspection in loco. Any photograph taken at the Inquiry shall be for customary media editorial purposes.

(d) Television, video and radio accreditation

- (i) No person may record or broadcast the proceedings of the Commission except in accordance with accreditation granted by the Commission, subject to terms and conditions determined by the Commission.
- (ii) The Commission will, in determining terms and conditions, be broadly guided by the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court of Appeal in its Practice Note 1/2009 in respect of extended media coverage of the proceedings of the SCA. The SCA guidelines have been amended as agreed upon between representatives of the media and Commissioners.

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(e) Previews of witnesses

Media representative are reminded that in terms of the relevant regulations, witnesses are prohibited from granting interviews regarding the subject matter of their evidence before the Commission until such time as they have concluded their testimony.

(f) Indemnity

An accredited media representative and the employer will, by applying for accreditation, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission in respect of liability arising from negligent (but not grossly negligent or wilful) conduct, in respect of:

- (aa) Any claim of any nature whatsoever from any third party;
- (bb) Any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever suffered by an accredited media representative or employer;
- (cc) Any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever suffered by the accredited media representative or employer arising out of the implementation of the rules and conditions of this Commission media accreditation.

(g) Accreditation not Transferable

The rights granted by the Commission pursuant to accreditation are personal to the representative and are not transferable to any other person. Media houses are urged to seek accreditation for all possible alternates who may be assigned to cover the work of the Commission.