

Golden Arrow Bus Services (Pty) Ltd

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GABS LODGES LEAVE TO APPEAL

Golden Arrow Bus Services (GABS) are extremely disappointed by the statement issued by the City of Cape Town regarding the company's appeal against the High Court judgement of 26 April 2013. After careful deliberation of the judgement, GABS has been advised that reasonable grounds exist for another court reaching a different conclusion on critical issues. GABS has heeded this counsel and has therefore submitted an application for leave to appeal this judgement in the Supreme Court of Appeal.

A crucial factor in GABS' decision to seek leave to appeal centres around the interpretation of the National Land Transport Act and the applicability of sections 41 and 46 of the Act. In particular, GABS is concerned about the precedent that will be set in the future rollout of the MyCiti services if the judgement handed down by Judge Griesel is upheld.

The City tries to portray GABS as being obstructionists against the implementation of the MyCiti concept and the provision of "affordable and rapid transit links". This is devoid of the truth as the decision to appeal is based on sound senior legal advice and is in line with due legal process motivated by the need to achieve equitable public transport solutions in the City of Cape Town.

To show its commitment to public transport and in the spirit of cooperation GABS has indicated its willingness not to pursue interdictory relief pending the appeal under certain conditions which would allow phase 1 to be implemented.

GABS currently caters for more than 200 000 daily passengers at a fraction of the cost of the limited MyCiti operation and stands ready and willing to extend its services to the benefit of every Capetonian.

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