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Animal Law Reform South Africa



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Dear Sir/Madam

**FAMOUS BRANDS LIMITED / ALRSA request for access to records in respect of “Wimpy”, “Mugg & Bean” and “Steers”**

We refer to your letters dated 21 November 2022 outlining requests brought in terms the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000, as amended (“PAIA”).


In terms of paragraph 7 of the above-mentioned letters you requested that we provide our response no later than 30 days from the date of the request, as provided for in section 56(1) of PAIA.

With reference to the above, section 57 of PAIA states that on condition that at least one of the criteria set out in subsections 57(1)(a) to (e) is applicable to that entity then:-

*“The head of a private body to whom a request for access has been made, may extend the period of 30 days referred to in section 56(1) (“original period”) once for a further period of not more than 30 days”*

We hereby notify you in terms of section 57(2) of PAIA, that we intend exercising the option to extend the time within which to respond to your requests for a further period of 30 days, calculated from the day after expiry of the original period.

Our reasons necessitating such extension include *inter alia*:

1. The nature and extent of your request namely:
    - a. It contains a comprehensive list of records to consider and investigate the existence of;
    - b. The time period being 1 November 2018 to November 2022 for which you have requested documents may potentially pertain to information or records archived or stored off-site rendering them less easy to obtain than those records that are current and easily accessible;
    - c. Your request pertains to three franchised brands within our structure, notwithstanding the fact that certain records, if in existence and/or in our possession, may be similar or identical in respect of each brand, particularly if implemented at group level;
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- d. Group operations span multiple sectors, regions and franchisee outlets.
2. In addition to the above, it is inevitable at this time of the year that many employees are, or will soon be, on annual leave for the festive period, making it difficult for us to engage with the relevant divisions as key employees are either unavailable or are prioritising other time sensitive commitments.
  3. We further submit that the availability and capacity of each person who is or will be contributing to the investigations pertaining to your requests is currently limited until at least the second week of January 2023.

In light of our submissions above, we confirm that the criteria for an extension in terms of section 57(1)(d) have been met and pursuant to the extension not being opposed or contested by you, the period within which to provide our response shall be extended until 23 January 2023.

We advise you that in terms of Section 57(3)(c) of PAIA, you may lodge an application with a court against the extension and the procedure (including the period) for lodging the application.

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

