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RE: Bidvest / ALRSA - Response from third party

Wednesday, 03 May 2023 10:32:19

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Pursuant to paragraph 6.5 of your Request letter and follow-up below, Bidvest Catering(Pty)Ltd confirms as follows:
Other than the supplier information which was previously submitted to Animal Law Reform, no further information has been received from suppliers.

Kind regards

From: Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach <outreach@animallawreform.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:37 PM

Subject: RE: Bidvest / ALRSA - Response from third party

Thank you for your response to our request for an affidavit in relation to your refusal to grant access to information in terms of s 55 of PAIA.

We reserve the right to contact you in relation to further clarity seeking questions regarding this matter. At this time, we note from your sworn affidavit “[s]ubsequent to receipt of the Request, and the Company’s Environmental Policy commitment, we duly enquired from our supply chain the information sought in terms of 6.5 of the Request. Only the following responses from egg suppliers have been received to date...” we wish to follow up on whether any further suppliers have provided information requested in paragraph 6.5 of our letter.

We appreciate the Company requesting information in terms of its obligations under PAIA and its Environmental Policy. We note, however, with concern, that the information we requested “was not information routinely collected by the Company”. This statement calls into question whether the Company can genuinely advance its Environmental Policy, which requires, for instance:

- “Ensuring that the company’s products are environmentally friendly; where possible, alternative less environmental harmful products or processes will be employed”;
- “Suppliers are encouraged to pursue good environmental practices”.

The apparent discrepancy will be noted in our report.

Once again, we thank you for your cooperation, as the information requested will empower us to advance animal welfare concerns in South Africa in pursuit of the fulfilment of the environmental right, enshrined in section 24 of the Constitution.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach <outreach@animallawreform.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Bidvest / ALRSA - Response from third party

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Find attached the affidavit of Gavin Bell, CEO of Bidvest Catering Services (Pty)Ltd for your attention.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:20 AM
To: Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach <outreach@animallawreform.org>
Subject: RE: Bidvest / ALRSA - Response from third party

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Receipt of your below email is hereby acknowledged.

As discussed Bidvest Catering Services (Pty)Ltd will shortly be providing you with the requisite affidavit.

Thank you,

Kind regards

From: Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach <outreach@animallawreform.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Bidvest / ALRSA - Response from third party

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I trust you are well.

We have received this response from SAPA. However, our request to SAPA was unrelated to our request to you. It is unclear why you see fit to send SAPA's response to us instead of complying with your statutory obligations in terms of PAIA. Moreover, poor practice on the part of one role player in the egg industry should not be relied upon as a basis for poor practice by others.

The contents of paragraph 2 of your letter amount to a refusal on the part of Bidvest to grant access to the requested information in terms of s 55 of PAIA. This refusal does not meet the requirements as contemplated in terms of s 55 of PAIA, however. To the extent that Bidvest claims that information is not in its possession, it is incumbent upon Bidvest to provide, in terms of s 55 of PAIA, an affidavit detailing the steps taken by you to locate the information, and to clarify precisely which information is not in its possession. You have not done so. We accordingly request access, alternatively the requisite affidavit.

Kindly respond to this correspondence by no later than **14 March 2023** given that we are currently preparing our public report in which we will rate Bidvest relative to its transparency and stance on animal welfare and environmental sustainability, among other matters. The ranking will be informed by your response to this correspondence, as well as the previous correspondence and records provided.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards

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Sent: Monday, 27 February 2023 09:41

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Response from third party

[REDACTED]

As a matter of course, find attached the undated response from the South African Poultry Association, which we note was sent directly to you.

Kindly note that Bidvest is not in possession of the third-party information/records as requested relating to egg production and supply chain details, per clause 6.5 of your request letter dated 21 November 2022.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]