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**Subject:** RE: Bidvest / ALRSA - Response from third party  
**Date:** Tuesday, 07 March 2023 14:41:00  
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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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**Subject:** Response from third party

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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

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