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Tribunal finds Berg River Textiles and Eye Way Trading colluded for Treasury tenders

The Competition Tribunal has found Eye Way Trading and Seardel Group Trading (Pty) Ltd trading as Berg River Textiles (Seardel Group) colluded when bidding for two tenders issued by the National Treasury for the supply of fabric used to manufacture uniforms for the then Department of Correctional Services, the South African Air Force and the South African Military Health Services.

The Commission in its complaint referred to the Tribunal on 29 April 2014 found that Seardel Group and Eye Way agreed on prices they would use when bidding for these tenders. The conduct was said to constitute collusive tendering in contravention of section 4(1)(b) of the Competition Act.

The section involves any restrictive horizontal practices which directly or indirectly fix a purchase or selling price, divide markets by allocating customers, suppliers, territories or specific types of goods or services, or collusive tendering.

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Reasons for the Tribunal's decision will be issued in due course. Remedies in this matter are still to be heard as the hearing only concerned the merits of the case.

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