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CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DISMISSES APPEAL BY HLAUDI MOTSOENENG, MAKING HIM LIABLE TO PAY BACK THE SUCCESS FEE OF R11.5 MILLION

The Constitutional Court has denied Hlaudi Motsoeneng, the former SABC chief operating officer, the opportunity to appeal a Supreme Court of Appeal decision regarding the success fee he received from the public broadcaster. He sought to appeal a January 19, 2023, decision by the Supreme Court of Appeal, which had dismissed his application with costs.

This application was in relation to a High Court decision in Gauteng Local Division, Johannesburg, which declared the payment of R 11.5 million to Motsoeneng by the then SABC Board as unlawful and invalid.

In August 2016, the SABC board decided to pay Motsoeneng a success fee for his role in securing the MultiChoice deal. The High Court ruled that Motsoeneng must repay the R 11.5 million plus interest, bringing his total liabilities to approximately R 18 million.

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has already recovered R 6,476,515.21 from his pension benefits. The SIU welcomes and sees the Constitutional Court's decision of 18 September 2024 as a positive step, as it clears the way to pursue the outstanding amount from Motsoeneng.

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