



THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL
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PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS v VAN VOLLENHOVEN NO and ANOTHER

The Supreme Court of Appeal today dismissed an appeal against a judgment in the North Gauteng High Court, Pretoria. The appellant, Pricewaterhousecoopers (PWC), is engaged in litigation against the second respondent, the National Potato Cooperative. In the course of the litigation, the first respondent, the taxing master of the Pretoria High Court, fixed security to be furnished by the National Potato Cooperative in an amount of some R7,5 million. In the process, the taxing master failed to allow a further amount of R5,5 million in respect of forensic auditors' fees.

PWC took the taxing master's decision on review to the high court, but the application was dismissed on the grounds that PWC had failed to bring the application within a period of 180 days, as required in terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (PAJA) of 2000.

On appeal, the SCA confirmed the decision of the high court, finding that PWC had failed to prove that the interests of justice required the court to extend the period of 180 days.