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## SOUTH GAUTENG HIGH COURT JOHANNESBURG

**CASE NO**:32615/07

**DATE**:01/04/2011

In the matter between

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BETTERBRIDGE LTD

**Applicant** 

and

**OBAKENG GAITATE** 

Respondent

## JUDGMENT

WILLIS, J:

[1] This is an application for rescission of a default judgment granted against the present applicant. The present applicant has appeared in court twice this year and twice this year a postponement has been granted in order to assist the applicant to obtain legal representation and explore a way of resolving the matter. Earlier this week, I too

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indicated that I was prepared to hold the axe over until Friday morning to give them an opportunity to let them resolve the matter.

- [3] At the end of the day, there really is no good cause shown why there should be a rescission. All that there is, is a plea *ad misericordiam*. One obviously feels sorry for the applicant. It is not pleasant to have a judgment granted against one but the court is not a charitable institution. If a person has no defence to a claim and a judgment has been granted, there is no good reason to set aside the judgment.
- [4] Accordingly, the following order is made:

The application is dismissed with costs.