

SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

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J G ZUMA & 2 OTHERS v NDPP

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The Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) today (8 November 2007) dismissed an appeal by Mr Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, Thint Holdings (Southern Africa) (Pty) Ltd and Thint (Pty) Ltd (the appellants) against a decision of the Deputy Judge President of the High Court at Durban to issue a Letter of Request to the authorities in Mauritius under the International Co-operation in Criminal Matters Act No. 75 of 1996 to furnish certain documents to the prosecuting authority in South Africa.

The documents concerned were seized in Mauritius under a warrant issued in that country. The prosecuting authority in South Africa alleged that it required the documents for use as evidence against the appellants should they be tried in

the future. The appellants contended, on various grounds, that the Deputy Judge President was not authorised by the Act to issue the Letter of Request.

The SCA held that the Letter of Request had been properly issued and, in addition, that the appellants had no standing in law to contest the actions of the Deputy Judge President. The appeal was accordingly dismissed.