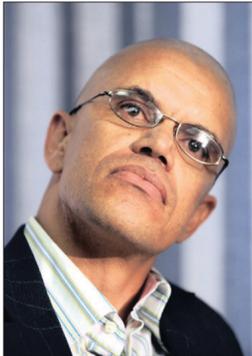




Ncobo walks out of Safa poll amid threats



Ace Ncobo

'There is a delegate who said they would smash my face, I don't feel safe, I'm out'

NJABULO NGIDI

ACE Ncobo withdrew from the SA Football Association (Safa) presidential race on the morning of the elective congress yesterday at the Sandton Convention Centre out of fear for his life and as a matter of principle.

Ncobo's withdrawal left Danny Jordaan to run unopposed for another five-year term as Safa president. The former Fifa referee, Ncobo, has been critical of these elections, arguing that they are illegal, unlawful and even wrote to Fifa asking them to put Safa under

administration. Ncobo's biggest bone of contention revolved around the Independent Electoral Committee (IEC) which he argued must be elected in a general assembly at least six months before the elective congress.

That wasn't done, which led to the IEC's withdrawal from overseeing these elections and the postponement from the original date of March 24.

Fifa advised Safa to amend its electoral code and ratify the appointment of a substitute electoral committee. Safa made those changes but Ncobo continued to slam the process leading up to these elections, saying

it was riddled with threats, procedural flaws, missed time frames and violation.

"I came here to formally register inside congress because when you pursue redress on something, the first question you are asked is: 'Were you there? Did you register that objection?' If you answer no to any of those questions, then you have a problem," Ncobo said.

"I am here, I registered. I've got my tag. I signed the attendance register. I rose in the congress.

"I registered the fact that this is unlawful, unprocedural and breaks the statutes and the electoral code.

"I did that. That's money in the

vault. This is illegal. I thought that by registering its illegality, they would then entertain my objection, discuss it and we convince ourselves that it's not right.

"On top of that I received threats inside. There is a delegate who threatened to smash my face. I don't feel safe. I have to leave."

Ncobo's statement hints that he and his backers will challenge the outcome of these elections, especially since he ticked all the boxes needed to ensure that he has grounds to stand on should he mount a challenge.

"It's a decision that will be taken by football people who wanted me to

stand," Ncobo responded on whether he will challenge the elections.

"My withdrawal is a matter of principle.

"The people who wanted me to stand and have been backing me were very clear on this thing.

"They said even if we came here and discovered that we have 100% support, we must still pull out of this process because nobody wants to be produced by a fraudulent congress.

"I believe that principles take time. But principles are always victorious.

"It's going to take time, much longer than I thought but we are going to win the war," he said.



Safa president Danny Jordaan

Did Merc steal Limpopo man's bakkie design?

KARABO NGOEPE

MERCEDES-Benz has been accused of "expropriating the design of the new X Class bakkie without compensating" the person who came up with it.

The person making the startling allegation is 24-year-old Limpopo native Kgothatso Bosoga (who also calls himself D'wayne KxRomeo).

He believes his 2013 design inspired the new luxury vehicle.

Bosoga, who says he has been designing cars since the age of 7, is now seeking assistance to get what he believes is due to him.

He said he was in touch with Mercedes-Benz on social media and shared his design. He was later surprised to see the car in production.

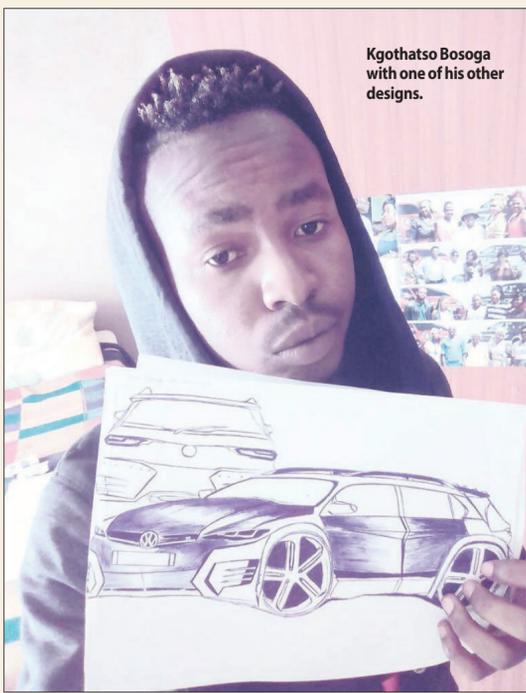
"In 2013 I was talking to Mercedes-Benz and they said I should send them my design. It was a Mercedes-Benz bakkie. I sent them my sketch. They never came back to me. They took that design and sold it to Mercedes-Benz Germany," he said.

In a series of screenshots dated March 12, 2013, Bosoga and Mercedes-Benz are talking about the vehicle, with the carmaker showing an interest in his idea of creating a bakkie. It asks him to attach the image of the message.

Bosoga responds by saying he is struggling to attach the image.

He eventually gets it right and sends a sketch of the vehicle.

The exchanges cease until April 2, 2013, when he contacts Mercedes-Benz again.



Kgothatso Bosoga with one of his other designs.

"You were talking to me before I sent my design but after sending it... you're ignoring me... are you

stealing my design...? Please don't steal my design coz (sic) I really love it and I wanna be the one to come up

with that Mercedes (sic)..."

Mercedes-Benz SA (MBSA) responded by saying it had not stolen the idea and was seeking permission to post the design on their social media wall.

"Hi Romeo, not to worry, we haven't stolen your design.

"In fact, we'd like to post it on our wall, if you're okay with that.

"We love getting input from our customers," the carmaker said.

Bosoga said he did not hear from Mercedes again.

To his amazement, he later saw the vehicle had been produced and launched on the market.

He said he had approached lawyers, but none was willing to take on the vehicle maker.

"They made that bakkie without my permission.

"Now I don't know what to do. When I approach lawyers they say it's a long process. They are not taking me seriously. Maybe it's because I'm from a poor Limpopo family.

"I need help. I need someone who can help me. Sometimes I sit and cry alone because there is no one who can help," he said.

MBSA spokesperson Sbu Mkwanazi said the company was aware of Bosoga's claims but did not have all the facts.

"We are still investigating. As soon as we have the facts, we will send out a statement," he said.

But in a bizarre turn of events, one of the people who has been trying to help Bosoga is starting to doubt his credibility.

Speaking on condition of anonymity,

“HE WAS SENT MONEY TO GO TO POLOKWANE THEN HE DISAPPEARED”

...mity, the person believes he might be a fraudster.

"This boy initially claimed to be a village boy who did not understand many things. He was sent legal documents to sign in order to get representation, but he claimed he did not have money to access it.

"He was sent money to go to Polokwane, but after getting it, he disappeared.

"Another issue encountered was that he had a Facebook page where he claimed to be a Mercedes-Benz technician. But when he was quizzed on it, he removed the page.

"When pressed on why he did that, he claimed to be just a village boy who did not understand social media. He said someone in the family opened the page for him to get attention, but he posted his design on Mercedes' page in 2013," said the person.

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Mercedes-Benz South Africa

Hi Romeo, we'd love to see what you've designed. Can you attach the image to this message? All the best, the Mercedes-Benz team.

Mar 12, 2013 · Sent from Web

D'wayne KxRomeo

I'm trying to send my phone says Failed..what's the Email? I'll Email it...

Mar 12, 2013 ·

D'wayne KxRomeo



A stitcher's guide to a galaxy of superheroes

NABEELAH SHAIKH

WHEN businessman Justin Walter, 33, and his teacher-wife Angela head out to an event, they're are bound to turn heads thanks to their love for cosplay.

The eccentric couple, who are comic and superhero fans, recently won best dressed couple at Splashy Fen as Batman and Wonder Woman. More recently, they were in a pub crawl dressed as Goku and Vegeta from *Dragon Ball Z*.

They've designed outfits of Thor, Terminators, Two-Face as well as Groot and Rocket from *Guardians of the Galaxy*. But the icing on the cake for the Walters was when they did the unthinkable and designed outfits that could transform.

Their cosplay journey started in 2009 when they returned from a two-year working holiday in the UK.

"We heard about an event called Sissy Hankshaw's Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster pub crawl that takes place in Durban once a year. Everyone dresses up and hitchhikes from pub to pub. Anything goes, so we decided to go as Hulk and She Hulk," said Justin, who owns a scaffolding business.



Justin and Angela Walter in two of their costumes and right, a 'Transformer' tank they made.



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The couple won best dressed and this was when their love for cosplay began.

"So, every year since, we've wanted to step up each costume to be better than the previous year. It became a passion."

Their love for cosplay has rubbed off on their 4-year-old daughter, Chloe, who enjoys dressing up as superheroes.

The couple said Chloe also gets to dress up for the event. She has been Baby Groot, SuperGirl and

Spiderman.

"She enjoys it more and more every year," said Justin.

He said he has made at least a new costume every year, which the couple wear for the Sissy Hankshaw event.

"The event has been running for 15 years and we've participated in 10. My wife and I have started organising the event since this year. It took place on May 5," said Justin.

One of their most remarkable cosplay moments was when they

built their own tank and car transformer costumes, which transform from robots into vehicles, in 2011.

"People were blown away and we never outlived the success. To this day, people still call them the best outfits we've made.

"We loaded a video on YouTube of us transforming titled 'tank and car transformer' which has over 2.5 million views so far," said Justin. As a result, they were given a nine-night free stay at a Malaysian resort to create the same costumes for one of its stage shows for a guest performance.

At this year's Splashy Fen, the couple said their Batman and Wonder Woman outfit made them feel like celebrities.

It won them a five-night stay for two on Eden Island, Seychelles. "We're planning to go at the end of September."

These outfits were inspired by the Batman versus Superman movie trailer.

"When I saw Batman's awesome armour which he wears to fight Superman, I knew that was exactly what I wanted to build," said Justin.

The intricate outfit of EVA foam took two months to make.

"This was done between the free time I could spare in between my day job and raising our daughter. I find myself often getting lost in the small details which tends to drag out the duration to build an outfit. I'm particular but it's worth it when the product is complete."

While Justin said his favourite superhero was the Hulk, Angela said hers had to be Wonder Woman.

"She is powerful, determined, independent. I enjoyed her first appearance in the *Dawn of Justice* movie where she stole the show," she said. Justin said Hulk was raw, unfiltered, with unrelenting power that fuelled him.

"He's arguably the strongest character in the Marvel universe."

When asked who they are planning to dress as next, they said: "Watch this space!"

Justin said they did not have any new projects lined up as they had just recently completed their latest outfits of Goku and Vegeta.

"I'm taking a short hiatus until the build-up for Halloween. But I'm always on the lookout for my next source of inspiration."

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Warning against donations offered by audit firm KPMG

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TAKE KPMG's donations at your peril, warn whistleblowers, as the auditing firm moves to cleanse itself from dealings with the controversial Gupta business family. KPMG is awarding R40 million funding to organisations involved in anti-corruption initiatives and educational initiatives. This is viewed as an attempt to repair reputational damage it suffered in doing business with the Guptas.

The R40 million is based on the fees earned from Gupta related entities to which

KPMG South Africa provided to services from 2002. Preference will be given to initiatives targeting rural communities, the disadvantaged, including women and children, youth and disabled people.

"This is in line with KPMG's citizenship focus to unlock societal potential through supporting quality education for all," said KPMG spokesperson Nqubeko Sibiyi.

Applications opened this week and will close on June 18.

But Corruption Watch and the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (Outa) are sceptical. Outa chief executive officer, Wayne

Duvenage, asked: "What is the value of R40 million spent on civil society compared to the damage that the country suffered from the KPMG and Guptas business relations?"

Duvenage said the confidence that KPMG previously enjoyed had been eroded. David Lewis, executive director of Corruption Watch, said his organisation would not accept a KPMG donation unless the terms and conditions were clear.

Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo announced on Thursday the State Capture Commission that he chairs will begin its work in August.

Notice in respect of a license application in terms of the Petroleum Products Act, 1977 (Act No. 128 of 1977)
This notice serves to inform parties that may be interested or affected that AFRIDEV LOGISTICS PTY LTD, hereinafter referred to as "the applicant", has submitted an application for a WHOLESALE license, application number J/2018/05/15/0001.

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The purpose of the application is for the applicant to be granted a license to undertake petroleum wholesales activities as detailed in the application. Arrangements for viewing the application documentation can be made by contacting the Controller of Petroleum Products by:
- Telephone: (021) 446 3301; or Fax: (021) 422 2640; or
- Email: Sebatso.Mohapi@energy.gov.za

Any objections to the issuing of a license in respect of this application, which must clearly quote the application number above, must be lodged with the Controller of Petroleum Products within a period of twenty (20) working days from the date of publication of this notice. Such objection must be lodged at the following physical or postal address:

Physical address:
The Controller of Petroleum Products
Department of Energy
5th Floor, 124 Constitution House, Cnr Adderley & Church St

Postal address:
The Controller of Petroleum Products
Department of Energy, Private Bag X 31, Rogge Bay, 8012

Emma, Liam are top baby names

EMMA and Liam were the most frequently chosen baby names for 2017 in the US.

For the fourth year in a row, Emma was the top girl's name according to the list of the most popular baby names released by the United States social security administration.

Liam pushed last year's champion, Noah, to second position to claim the top spot.

Emma was followed by Olivia, Ava, Isabella and Sophia.

Liam and Noah were followed by the still popular names for boys, William, James and Logan. - AP/ANA

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 39 OF 2004)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE LIST OF ACTIVITIES WHICH RESULT IN ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION WHICH HAVE OR MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING HEALTH, SOCIAL CONDITIONS, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS OR CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Minister of Environmental Affairs, Dr Bomo Edna Edith Molewa, under section 21(4)(a) read with section 57(1) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), published a notice of intention to amend the list of activities which result in atmospheric emissions which have or may have a significant detrimental effect on the environment, including health, social conditions, economic conditions, ecological conditions or cultural heritage, and the associated minimum emission standards, in the Government Gazette for public comment.

Notice No. 893 of 22 November 2013 was gazetted to list activities which result in atmospheric emissions which have or may have a significant detrimental effect on the environment. The Notice also includes the associated minimum emission standards. No person may conduct any of the listed activities without a provisional atmospheric emission licence or an atmospheric emission licence. The Minister of Environmental Affairs intends to amend this Notice thus: Postponement of compliance timeframes are amended for alignment with the draft amendment of the National Framework for Air Quality Management

- Subcategory 2.4 of the Notice is amended to provide clarity on the requirements for storage facilities as well as for the loading and offloading of petroleum products
- Subcategory 5.9 is amended by the addition of the special arrangement to allow for the use of waste materials with calorific value allowed in terms of the Waste Disposal Standards published in terms of the Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008)
- Subcategory 9.2 is amended by the separation of requirements for kraft processes and bisulphate processes in line with the international best practice
- Subcategory 9.5 is amended to limit this category to direct-fired kilns, thus providing clarity of small boilers emission standards and their application on in-direct fired kilns; and
- Annexure A is amended to remove dated methods and add new ones as part of the legislated requirement for the prescription of measurements processes.

The draft notice can be found on the following website <https://esaqs.environment.gov.za>

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 30 days of publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette, written comments to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General: Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Mr Olegobeng Matshediso
Private Bag X447, PRETORIA, 0001
By hand at: 173 Steve Biko street, Environment House, Arcadia, Pretoria.
By email: omatshediso@environment.gov.za.

Members of the public are invited to a public workshop where this notice will be discussed as follows:
Venue: Kopanong Hub & Conference Centre, 243 Glen Gory Road, Norton Estates, Benoni
Date: 14 June 2018
Time: 11:00 – 17:00

Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to: Ms Elizabeth Masekoemeng, at tel: (012) 399 9202 or Mr Olegobeng Matshediso, at tel: (012) 399 9215

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.