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### **CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOUND GUILTY OF COLLUSIVE TENDERING**

The Commission welcomes the Competition Tribunal's decision to find Giuricich Coastal Projects (Pty) Ltd (Giuricich Coastal Projects) guilty of collusive tendering in contravention of section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act and imposed fine of R900 000 as an administrative penalty.

Giuricich Coastal Projects is found guilty of colluding with Grinaker - LTA, a subsidiary of Aveng Africa Ltd in respect of a tender issued by Mondi Ltd for its plant in Durban. The tender was for the design and construction of a truck loading building, floor upgrades for automated vehicle use and the civil works necessary for the installation of reel handling conveyers at the Mondi Merebank Mill.

Grinaker - LTA was first to disclose this project to the Commission under the Construction Fast Track Settlement in 2011 and was granted immunity from prosecution in return to assisting the Commission to prosecute Giuricich Coastal Projects. The Commission has successfully prosecuted this matter with the assistance of Grinaker – LTA, the leniency applicant that testified against Giuricich Coastal Projects.

Giuricich Coastal Projects refused to settle the matter and the Commission referred it to the Tribunal for prosecution in 2014. The Tribunal found in favour of the Commission that, on a balance of probabilities, Grinaker - LTA provided Giuricich Coastal Projects with a cover price and therefore engaged in collusive tendering in contravention of section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act.

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