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Commission refers a case of collusive tendering against Group Five

The Commission has, today, Tuesday, 17 March 2015, referred a case of collusive tendering against Group Five Limited (Group Five) to the Competition Tribunal. The collusive tendering was between Group Five and WBHO Construction (Pty) Ltd (WBHO) as well as with Concor Limited (Concor), a subsidiary of Murray and Roberts Limited (Murray and Roberts), in respect of the rehabilitation of National Route 5, section 4 between Senekal and Vaalpenspruit (Senekal project) in the Free State.

Group Five had bilateral collusive agreements with WBHO and Concor respectively in terms of which Group Five would submit a bid price lower than those submitted by WBHO and Concor in order to ensure that Group Five won the tender.

The Commission's investigation found that there is sufficient evidence that Group Five colluded with WBHO and Concor in respect of the Senekal project.

The Commission is requesting the Competition Tribunal to impose a maximum penalty of ten percent (10%) of Group Five's annual turnover in respect of the contravention.

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