



IN THE COMPANIES TRIBUNAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

CASE NO: CT02310ADJ2025

In the matter between:

MARK VAN HOUTEN

APPLICANT

And

THE COMPANIES INTELLECTUAL

PROPERTY COMMISSION

FIRST RESPONDENT

NORTHWOLD CENTRE (PTY) LTD

SECOND RESPONDENT

Presiding Member: Dr. M A Chicktay

Date of Decision: 22nd April 2026

Preliminary Issue

INTRODUCTION

[1] The Applicant is **MARK VAN HOUTEN** ("the Applicant"), an adult male Director of the Second Respondent carrying on business at Plot 64 Bayers Naude Drive Elandsdrift Gauteng.

[2] The First Respondent is the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, an organ of state established in terms of Section 185 of the Companies Act, having its principal place of business at DTI Campus, Block F, 77 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, Gauteng (“CIPC”).

[3] The Second Respondent is **NORTHWOLD CENTRE (PTY) LTD** a South African Company registered in terms of the company laws of the Republic of South Africa, under registration number 2001/598575/05.

[4] This is an application in terms of section 172 of the Act to cancel the compliance notice issued by CIPC on 26th May 2025.

Preliminary Issues

[5] At the commencement of the hearing the Applicant requested that the matter be suspended as the same issues before the Tribunal are currently before the High Court together with a number of other issues. There was no opposition raised by any of the Respondents.

[6] In *Caesarstone Sdot-Yam Ltd v World of Marble and Granite*¹ the Supreme Court of Appeal has confirmed that courts will exercise their inherent jurisdiction to stay proceedings where a similar action is pending in another forum until proceedings have been completed and judgment is given.

[7] In order to avoid conflicting decisions, it is believed that the matter be suspended pending the outcome of the High Court decision. The Applicant can thereafter request that the matter continue with the Tribunal.

¹ *Caesarstone Sdot-Yam Ltd v World of Marble and Granite* 2000 CC 2013 (6) SA 499 (SCA) paras 45 and 48-9

ORDER

[8] The Application is suspended.

Dr. MOHAMED ALLI CHICKTAY
MEMBER OF THE COMPANIES TRIBUNAL