

MJ Hood & Associates

A T T O R N E Y S

4 December 2020

Our Ref: Mr Hood/md/General

BY HAND

**THE MINISTER OF POLICE
7TH FLOOR WACHTHUIS
231 PRETORIUS STREET
PRETORIA**

PER E-MAIL: GaehlerSMK@saps.gov.za
MgxajiF@saps.gov.za
PhokaneN@saps.gov.za
PhilanderDarane@saps.gov.za
MfeteSJ@saps.gov.za

Dear Sirs

**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF AMNESTY OR DECLARATION
OF NEW AMNESTY**

1. As you are aware the writer acts on behalf of the South African Arms and Ammunition Dealer's Association (SAAADA), the Confederation Hunting Association of South Africa (CHASA), the Professional Hunters Association (PHASA) and other organisations.
2. You have the power vested in you in terms of Section 139(1) of the Firearms Control Act to declare an amnesty for illegally possessed firearms.

Partner: Martin John Hood *B A L L B*
Associate Attorney: Mouné Watkins *LLB*
Candidate Attorney: Jordan Letzler *B A L L B*

Molon Labe House
Unit 10 Woodview Office Park
1 Humber Street
Woodmead
Sandton

t: 011 234 7520
f: 086 249 7485
e: martin@mjhood.co.za
w: www.mjhood.co.za

Fidelity Fund Certificate Number: 04035/2020

Member Number: 10321

VAT Number: 4810158644

-
3. You have declared two amnesties, the latter one that which ends on the 31st of January 2021.
 4. The amnesty has in the writer's view been poorly publicised and promoted by the South African Police Services and the conditions relating to the amnesty as well as the implementation thereof, have resulted in court orders being granted against yourself and the National Commissioner.
 5. It is in everybody's best interest to remove illegal firearms from society and where appropriate to have them legalised, documented and properly controlled.
 6. The implementation of the amnesty has been problematic but we do not propose to debate those problems with your honourable self.
 7. What we would like to draw to your attention is that the court order has increased the ambit of the amnesty, and there will no doubt be more people entering the amnesty process during the course of December and January.
 8. This coincides, unfortunately, with the second wave of corona virus infections, and a request by our State President to engage in behaviour that will limit the spread of the corona virus pandemic.
 9. Long queues at police stations for people wanting to submit amnesty applications, as well as other processes mandated by the Firearms Control Act, exposed members of the public and members of the South African Police Services to an increased risk of corona virus infection.

-
10. We would suggest to your honourable self that the prevailing circumstances in South Africa make the extension of the existing amnesty or a declaration of a third amnesty a priority.
 11. Please would you accordingly consider either extending the existing amnesty, or indicating as a matter of urgency, that there will be a third amnesty at a point when corona virus infections are minimised and when the South African Police Services are in a position to cope with the administrative work arising out of the amnesty process.

Yours faithfully,



M J HOOD & ASSOCIATES
martin@mjhood.co.za

