

**JOINT MEDIA RELEASE BY THE MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND
FORESTRY, MR RONNIE KASRILS, AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF DENEL, MR MAX SISULU**

Minister Kasrils and Max Sisulu have instituted an action for damages against the Business Day, Pretoria News Weekend , Saturday Argus and Sunday Tribune and their respective editors for the defamatory articles printed by them, linking the Minister and Mr Sisulu to irregularities in the arms deal, more particularly the taking of bribes and kickbacks.

It was also stated by the above newspapers that Minister Kasrils and Mr Sisulu were being investigated in this regard. Despite the fact that the office of the Auditor General on behalf of the three agencies involved, namely the National Director of Public Prosecutions, the office of the Public Protector and the office of the Auditor General stated in writing in the case of Minister Kasrils and verbally in respect of Mr Sisulu that they were not being investigated, the abovementioned newspapers refused to print an apology and retraction.

The newspapers are being sued for R1,8-million.

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