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Sizekhaya responds to High Court judgment; National Lottery operations continue

Sizekhaya Holdings RF (Pty) Ltd ("Sizekhaya") notes the judgment handed down by the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Pretoria, on 2 November 2026 in the review applications brought by Ithuba Lottery RF (Pty) Ltd and Ringeta Consortium RF (Pty) Ltd concerning the award of the Fourth National Lottery and Sports Pools Licence.

Sizekhaya is disappointed with the outcome but notes that the Court made no adverse findings against it on any of the grounds raised. The decision concerned a technical issue in the licence award process, which has been referred back to the Minister for reconsideration.

The National Lottery continues

Sizekhaya assures players, retailers, beneficiaries and the public that the National Lottery continues to operate as normal. The Court expressly suspended its order to protect the public interest. It recognised that the good causes funded through the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund, including old-age homes and children's homes, depend on the lottery running without interruption.

Tickets can still be bought, and games will be drawn as scheduled. Prizes will be paid out in the usual way.

Sizekhaya remains committed to running the National Lottery with integrity and to maximising contributions to good causes across South Africa.

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Sizekhaya Holdings is the operator of South Africa's National Lottery from 1 June 2026. Sizekhaya – which means "coming home" in isiZulu – is committed to building a modern, accessible and responsibly managed National Lottery that creates excitement for players while delivering meaningful impact for communities across South Africa. Find Sizekhaya Holdings online at https://sizekhaya.co.za/