

Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa

**MEDIA SUMMARY**

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The Supreme Court of Appeal today delivered judgment in the matter of *Vari-Deals and Others v Sunsmart Products (Pty) Ltd* concerning claims by Sunsmart that its registered patent and registered design had been infringed by the appellants. The patent and the design both relate to what are generally referred to as 'teardrop banners', used principally as a form of portable medium for advertising. The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Witwatersrand High Court and the Commissioner of Patents to the effect that the appellants' conduct amounted to infringement of Sunsmart's patent and design.

This notification is purely informative and forms no part of the judgment of the Court.

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