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**The Chairperson
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Attention: Ms Sophia de Klerk

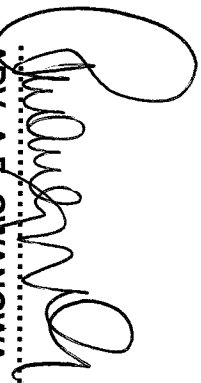
Sir/Madame

**Re DELAYS IN DELIVERY OF DEEDS REGISTERED AT THE
JOHANNESBURG DEEDS REGISTRY**

1. I refer to our meeting with the Property Law Committee of your Association on Wednesday, 10th November 2004 and the subsequent telephonic conversation with Mr. Cloete, deputy Registrar of this office regarding the delays being experienced with the delivery of registered deeds.
2. At present there is a delay of approximately 12 weeks in the delivery of registered deeds, that is twelve weeks from execution to delivery.
May I point out that this is approximately 8-9 weeks longer than the normal period that it takes to process deeds after execution.
3. This backlog varies slightly due to circumstances.
4. The reason for the backlog at present is primarily due to obsolete equipment that is continually breaking down and which is difficult to repair due to unavailability of spare parts.
5. We are currently in the process of acquiring new equipment (digital scanning process) which should solve our problems.
6. We reiterate that in matters of emergency we are prepared to expedite delivery of any particular deeds/s. We must point out however.
 - 6.1 That the initial phases of recordal

eg numbering, sealing, and data capture is vital and that we cannot consider expedited deliver where these processes have not been completed, which takes 5-10 working days.

6.2 That requests for expedited delivery should be limited to extreme emergency cases, since the process of expediting delivery slow up the normal process.



ADV. A.F. GWANGWA
ACTING REGISTRAR OF DEEDS
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Navrae/Eng: Mr. G. J. Cloete

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Datum/Date: 15/11/2004

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