Retracting by: Enoch Mthembu

07/06/2012

CASE NUMBER:

17973/12

In the matter between

BRETT MURRAY

Applicant

and

ENOCH MTHEMBU

First Respondent

THE NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH

Second Respondent

RETRACTION

 In accordance with the court order obtained by the applicant on 23 May 2012, the first respondent hereby provides the following retraction to the applicant.

On Tuesday 22 May 2012, The Times newspaper published an article in which it was recorded that I had said that Brett Murray, the artist who created "The Spear" painting, must be stoned to death. I unequivocally retract this statement and its imputations. I also confirm that the statements were made in my personal capacity and that I did not reflect the views of the Shembe church. Every person, including Mr Murray, deserves to have their right to life respected, and it was not my intention that people should act on my statement.

2. The above retraction may be published at the applicant's sole discretion.

Dated at Johannesburg

cs June

2012

Enoch Mthembu