

MEDIA STATEMENT: GOVCHAT (PTY) LTD SUCCEEDS IN HAVING INTERDICT APPLICATION DISMISSED

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GovChat welcomes the order of Judge Francis in the Cape Town High Court, handed down on 22 July 2021, in which Judge Francis dismissed an urgent interdict brought against GovChat by Silvergrey (Pty) Ltd. Silvergrey has also alleged certain rights in the GovChat platform, such claims similarly being defended by GovChat.

Silvergrey was seeking urgent relief to restrict GovChat and its shareholders in taking certain corporate actions pending the adjudication of Silvergrey's more fulsome application. Judge Francis found that Silvergrey did not meet the requirements to secure an interim interdict, dismissing the application and awarding the costs of the matter to GovChat. The judgement was handed down within 15 minutes of the end of the hearing. GovChat's arguments that **Silvergrey could not – even on a *prima facie* basis – demonstrate that Silvergrey had any right to the GovChat platform were vindicated, along with other legal and factual arguments regarding the deficiencies in Silvergrey's case.**

As indicated above, Silvergrey continues to allege various rights in the GovChat platform and continues to seek relief in pending proceedings. GovChat is defending those proceedings and is confident that a similar order will result.

GovChat remains committed to assisting the citizens of South Africa by facilitating communication with government over the GovChat platform.

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