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IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

(WITWATERSRAND LOCAL DIVISION)

<u>JOHANNESBURG</u>

CASE NO: 13424/02

2002-12-03

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DELETE WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE

- (1) REPORTABLE YES/NO
- (2) OF INTEREST TO OTHER JUDGES YES/NO
- (3) REVISED (2)

DATE 24/03/03

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In the matter between

CHEMFIT TECHNICAL PRODUCTS (PTY) LTD

Applicant

and

SOIL FUMIGATION SERVICES (LOWVELD) CC

First Respondent

MAARTEN DIRK KOPPENOL

Second Respondent

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JUDGMENT

WILLIS, J: This is an application for leave to appeal against the judgment which I gave in this matter on 10 September 2002. It is clear from my judgment that there is conflicting authority on this matter and accordingly, quite obviously, there is a reasonable prospect that another court could come to a different conclusion from my own. There are accordingly reasonable prospects of success in the appeal.

It is also clear by reason of the conflicting authorities to which I have referred in my judgment, that this is a matter which it is 20

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appropriate to be considered by the Supreme Court of Appeal. The amount involved is considerable and this is a further factor (albeit a make weight) which, in my view, would justify directing that the matter be heard by the Supreme Court of Appeal.

The following order is made:

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- 1. The application for leave to appeal is granted.
- It is directed that the appeal be heard by the Supreme Court of Appeal.
- 3. The costs of the application are to be costs in the appeal.

The following order is made:

- Judgment is given against the first defendant in favour of the plaintiff in the sum of R1 260 829,18.
- The first defendant is to pay interest on the said amount at the rate of 15,5% per annum from 24 July 2002 to date of payment.
 - 3. The first defendant is to pay the costs of suit.