



SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK  
Prudential Authority

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### **Prudential Authority launches leave to appeal the Pietermaritzburg High Court ruling**

The Prudential Authority (PA) notes the ruling delivered by Judge J Ncube in the Pietermaritzburg High Court on 9 May 2025. The PA has launched an application for leave to appeal the latest decision. The Repayment Administrator (RA) will also lodge an appeal against the judgement.

It is important to note that the RA has, in any event, complied with the court's prior order not to take control of Ithala SOC Limited's (Ithala) non-deposit-taking operations. However, the RA has been unable to isolate depositor funds from other funds as Ithala has never maintained a separation between its deposit-taking activities and its other business operations.

It is also important to highlight that this judgment is separate from the main liquidation application, which is still pending before the same court. The PA awaits the finalisation of the liquidation application.

The PA's primary mandate is to protect depositors. In this context, while the PA understands the frustration and difficulty this situation may cause for depositors, the freezing of accounts remains a necessary and prudent step to safeguard the depositors' remaining funds. This measure aims to ensure a fair and lawful distribution process of depositor funds while awaiting the outcome of the liquidation application.

Further context on the liquidation proceedings against Ithala can be accessed on the SARB's website [here](#).