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**TO: ALL JUDGES AND STAFF**

**FROM: ACTING JUDGE PRESIDENT MEER**

**RE: Alert Level 1 Operational Procedures – Fourth Term 2020**

**IMPLEMENTATION**  
**DATE: 5 October 2020**

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**DIRECTIVES**

Notwithstanding the move to Alert Level 1 of the national state of disaster, in recognition of the prevalence and spread of COVID-19, the following directions will apply during the Fourth Term at the Land Claims Court until 13 December 2020 (subject to further periods as may be directed). These directions should be read together with all directions previously issued by the Chief Justice and the Acting Judge President of the Land Claims Court

1. Hearings of all applications (opposed and/or unopposed and/or urgent) and appeals will be continue to be heard virtually, or as directed by the Registrar or relevant Judge. Kindly refer to the following comprehensive previous directions in this regard:

Matters Capable of Virtual Hearing during COVID-19 lockdown issued on 27 July 2020.

Supplementary Directive in re Court Operations in the Land Claims Court during the extended COVID-19 National Lockdown and for the Remainder of Term 2/2020 issued on 30 April 2020.

These should be read with the Court's Rules and Practice Directions.

2. Filing of documents shall continue to be electronic. To avoid excessive copies of documents, to conserve Court resources and to ensure proper document management, duplicate filing of documents is prohibited. The preferred method of electronic filing remains email, and where this is not possible, by fax.

2.1. General documents for matters **not being heard during the term** and urgent applications are to be sent to the Registrar's office at [PMudau@judiciary.org.za](mailto:PMudau@judiciary.org.za).

2.2. Documents filed in matters **set down for the term** are to be sent to Meer AJP's Registrar at [NPhaloane@judiciary.org.za](mailto:NPhaloane@judiciary.org.za), or where the matter has been allocated to a specific Judge, to the relevant Judge's secretary.

2.3. All **unopposed motion court** matters are to be sent to the Court's Registrar at [SCindi@judiciary.org.za](mailto:SCindi@judiciary.org.za).

All Court Rules and Practice Directions, aside from the above filing methods, remain applicable.

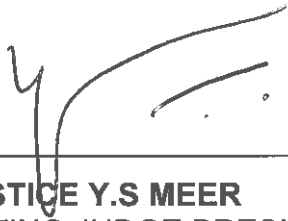
3. Working arrangements

3.1. The Court will operate on a hybrid system of remote working and office-based working for the Fourth Term of 2020.

3.2. To accommodate proper social distancing protocols and officials with uncontrolled risks or vulnerabilities, this will require the implementation

of a rotational shift schedule to ensure that there is 80% capacity of all officials at the workplace on any particular workday.

- 3.3. Remote working, where possible depending on the nature of the official's work, is encouraged. All officials working remotely are required to submit weekly reports.
- 3.4. Officials may be required to attend to work at the office if requested by their supervisor and/or the Court Manager on any particular workday and time for operational purposes.



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**JUSTICE Y.S MEER**  
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