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**TO: ALL JUDGES AND STAFF**

**FROM: ACTING JUDGE PRESIDENT MEER**

**RE: Emergency Measures – Directives on Operational Procedures for  
December Recess 2021**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 6 December 2021**

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In recognition of the prevalence and spread of the new COVID-19 variant, and the recent outbreak at the Court over the preceding days, the following directions will apply during the Fourth Term Recess at the Land Claims Court until further notice. 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. Members of the public are strongly advised not to enter the Court building unless **strictly** necessary. In this regard, the following procedures will apply –
  - 1.1 Hearings of all applications (opposed and/or unopposed and/or urgent) and appeals will be heard virtually, or as directed by the Registrar or relevant Judge.
  - 1.2. Filing of documents shall 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.

- 1.3 General documents for matters **not being heard during the term** and urgent applications are to be sent to the Court's Registrar at [DMaluleke1@judiciary.org.za](mailto:DMaluleke1@judiciary.org.za), copying the Court Manager at [TMashologu@judiciary.org.za](mailto:TMashologu@judiciary.org.za).
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 All **unopposed motion court** matters are to be sent to the Court's Registrar at [DMaluleke1@judiciary.org.za](mailto:DMaluleke1@judiciary.org.za).
- 1.6 In the event that a member of the public elects to physically attend Court, strict COVID-19 protocols and screening must be complied with.

All Court Rules and Practice Directions remain applicable.

## 2. Working arrangements

- 2.1. Only those officials identified by the Court Manager as being required to be physically present at Court shall attend at the Court premises.
- 2.2. The Court Manager will identify officials who are required to work at the office on a rotational basis for the purpose of running the General Office.
- 2.3. Officials will work remotely, where possible depending on the nature of the official's work. All officials working remotely are required to submit weekly reports.
- 2.4. Officials are required to be on standby 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'Y' and 'M' with a horizontal line underneath.

**Y.S MEER**

ACTING JUDGE PRESIDENT

Land Claims Court