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MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION: EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENT ON DISCUSSION PAPER 160 ON THE REVIEW OF ASPECTS OF MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY LAW (PROJECT 100E) UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER 2023

On 16 August 2023 the South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) announced the release of Discussion Paper 160 on Project 100E: the Review of Aspects of Matrimonial Property Law for general information and public comment. Respondents were requested to submit comment on the paper to the SALRC by 30 September 2023.

Discussion Paper 160 contains the SALRC's preliminary research results and puts forward proposals on possible solutions and the SALRC seeks comment on these proposals in particular. The central aim of this discussion paper is the need to integrate proprietary consequences for the different forms of marriages and unmarried intimate partnerships. This integration will assist in protecting the rights to equitable sharing of resources by financially vulnerable partners. The discussion paper therefore has discrete sections focusing on the property entitlements in customary and religious marriages and in unmarried intimate relationships.

The SALRC received a number of requests for an extension of the closing date for comment on the discussion paper. The SALRC has therefore decided to extend the closing date for comment on Discussion Paper 160 on Project 100E: the Review of Aspects of Matrimonial Property Law until 30 November 2023. All comment and submissions must be sent for the attention of Ms Makhwanya to the following address:

The Secretary
South African Law Reform Commission
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Discussion Paper 160 is available on the Internet at the following site:
<https://www.justice.gov.za/salrc/dpapers.htm>

Discussion Paper 160 can also be obtained free of charge from the Commission on request.
Kindly contact Mr Jacob Kabini at Jakabini@justice.gov.za or (012) 622 6346 in this regard.

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**THE SECRETARY, SA LAW REFORM COMMISSION, CENTURION DATE: 29 SEPTEMBER
2023.**