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Media Statement

BRANCH OF LABOUR AND LABOUR APPEALS COURT OPENS IN LIMPOPO

A new branch of the Labour and Labour Appeals Court will open in the Limpopo Province on February 6, 2017, at the Polokwane Division of the High Court. The branch is part of ongoing efforts to guarantee access to justice for all South Africans.

The Labour and Labour Appeals Court was proclaimed by the President and operates as a Specialized Court to deal with Labour disputes. In terms of section 156 of the Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995, the Labour and Labour Appeals Court has jurisdiction in all the provinces of the Republic and, as such, the Court has operated as a National Circuit since its establishment in 1996.

Its headquarters are situated in the Gauteng Province at Braamfontein Johannesburg. Satellite offices of the Court have been established in three (3) other Provinces, namely, the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Kwazulu Natal. Administrative capacity in these Provinces has been increased by the Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ) to ensure adequate support to the Judiciary.

The Labour Court has jurisdiction to adjudicate over cases referred from the CCMA, Bargaining Councils. Litigants also have direct access to the Court including Appeals emanating from the Labour Court hearings.

Judge President Wagly is the head of the Judiciary in the Labour and Labour Appeals Court, whilst Judge Tlaletsi is appointed as a Deputy Judge President. There are also ten (10) Judges Appointed in the Division. Acting Judges are appointed periodically to handle cases during recess periods.

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