

TEL.: 046 – 603 5000

FAX.: 086 5077 535

EMAIL: SMbenenge@judiciary.org.za



JUDGE PRESIDENT'S CHAMBERS

HIGH COURT, PRIVATE BAG X1011

MAKHANDA

6140

**DIRECTIVE REPEALING DIRECTIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT
OF THE HIGH COURT, EASTERN CAPE DURING
THE NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER**

WHEREAS, acting in terms of section 27(1)(a) of the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 ('the Act'), the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, by Government Notice 313 published under Government Gazette 43096 of 15 March 2020, declared a national state of disaster, having recognised that special circumstances existed to warrant such declaration;

WHEREAS, on 12 May 2020, I issued Directions for the Management of the High Court, Eastern Cape during the national state of disaster (the Disaster Management Directions);

WHEREAS, the declaration of the national state of disaster was extended by the Minister in terms of section 27(5)(c) of the Act at one-month intervals to 15 April 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Minister by Government Notice R1988 published under Government Gazette 46197 on 4 April 2022 terminated the national state of disaster,

NOW, THEREFORE:

- (a) The Disaster Management Directions are hereby repealed with immediate effect.

- (b) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Disaster Management Directives, it shall be incumbent on all persons entering the court's premises to observe any measures and protocols that may, from time to time, be prescribed by the relevant regulatory authorities to curb the spread of communicable diseases.
- (c) Nothing, in this Directive, shall be construed as derogating from the High Court's inherent power to protect and regulate its own process, taking into account the interests of justice.



S M MBENENGE
JUDGE PRESIDENT: EASTERN CAPE
23 JANUARY 2023