



**DIRECTIVE ON CHANGE OF NAMES OF COURT SEATS: EASTERN
CAPE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA**

WHEREAS, hitherto, in terms of the Supreme Court Act 59 of 1959, the High Court of South Africa consisted of provincial and local divisions;

WHEREAS, the advent of the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013 did away with provincial and local divisions and, in their stead, put in place nine divisions of the High Court corresponding to the nine provinces of the Republic of South Africa; and

WHEREAS, in the Eastern Cape Province the main seat and the local seats are courts of the Eastern Cape Division,

NOW, THEREFORE:

1. The main seat of the Eastern Cape Division shall retain the appellation: **“EASTERN CAPE DIVISION, MAKHANDA”** and the local seats shall be identified as follows:

- (a) **IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(EASTERN CAPE DIVISION, BHISHO)**
- (b) **IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(EASTERN CAPE DIVISION, GQEBERHA)**
- (c) **IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(EASTERN CAPE DIVISION, MTHATHA)**

2. All court processes and documents shall be headed in accordance with the court names referred to in paragraph 1.
3. This directive repeals all previous directives on court names in the Eastern Cape Division and shall operate with immediate effect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S M MBENENGE', is written over a large, circular, scribbled-out area. The signature is somewhat stylized and overlaps the scribbles.

S M MBENENGE

JUDGE PRESIDENT: EASTERN CAPE

07 September 2022