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Media Statement

DATE FOR JUDICIARY DAY 2019 PROCLAIMED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE

The Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, has proclaimed the date for the 2019 Judiciary Day as 3 October 2019.

The Directive was published in the Government Gazette on 31 July 2019 (Notice 400 of 2019). It reads as follows:

“By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 8 of the Superior Courts Act, 2013 (Act no 10 of 2013) (the Act) I, Mogoeng Mogoeng, the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, hereby issue the following directive:

‘In terms of section 8(3) of the Superior Courts Act, the date for the Judiciary Day, 2019 is determined to be 03 October 2019.’

This directive is issued and published in the Gazette and enjoys the majority support of the Heads of Court as required in section 8(5) of the Act.”

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 provides that the Judiciary is independent and subject only to the Constitution and the law. The Chief Justice is the Head of the Judiciary and exercises responsibility over the establishment and monitoring of the Norms and Standards for the exercise of judicial functions of all Courts. The South African Judiciary holds the Judiciary Day to present its annual report on Judicial Functions and Court Performance.

The Inaugural Judiciary Day took place in November 2018. This was a historical event as it was the first time the Judiciary, as an Arm of State, took the lead in accounting for its work, and for the power and authority the State has endowed to it. On 03 October 2019, the Chief



Justice will, on the behalf of the Judiciary, present the Judiciary Annual Performance Report; and deliver an address on the state of the Judiciary.

Ends.

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