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FROM : JUDGE PRESIDENT JM HLOPHE
SUBJECT : COVID -19 LOCKDOWN BACKLOG MEASURES
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With reference to the Directives issued in terms of COVID-19, I have given leave to the Chief Registrar to set down matters in the last week of term (22 to 26 June 2020) in respect of criminal and civil trials, opposed and unopposed motions, criminal and civil appeals and semi-urgent matters.

Therefore, colleagues are urged to attend to part-heard matters during the recess and avail themselves to be allocated for other matters during the last week of term.

Furthermore, given that there are only fourteen (14) Full Bench Appeals set down for the 27 to 31 July 2020, I have directed that those appeals be heard on Thursday, 30 July 2020 and Friday, 31 July 2020.

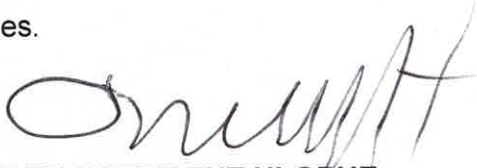
This means that during the preceding dates 27 to 29 July 2020, Judges will sit in criminal and civil trials, opposed and unopposed motions, criminal and civil appeals and

semi-urgent matters.

Any inconvenience to colleagues is sincerely regretted.

After consultation with the Chief Registrar the adoption of these measures are necessary and should lead to any backlog situation being brought reasonably under control.

May I take this opportunity to thank colleagues for your cooperation during these difficult times.



JUDGE PRESIDENT HLOPHE

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