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Media Advisory

STATE V ZUMA AND ANOTHER (THALES SOUTH AFRICA), START OF TRIAL 17 MAY 2021, PIETERMARITZBURG HIGH COURT

Members of the media are advised that the matter involving the Thales Group and former President Jacob Zuma has been set down to be heard at the Pietermaritzburg High Court, starting on 17 May 2021.

In an attempt to prevent the spread of COVID-19, strict social distancing protocols will be observed in the media and public galleries. To ensure the safety of all court users, members of the media and the public are requested to follow all security procedures as will be communicated by court officials.

Access to the court will be for accredited persons only. Please be advised that a very limited number of seats are allocated for accredited members of the media inside the courtroom. Members of the media are requested to submit their accreditation requests to Lusanda Ntuli at LNtuli@judiciary.org.za and cc lusanda02@gmail.com, no later than **Monday, 11 May 2021, 16h00**.

Requests for accreditation must include the individual's name, name of the organisation/media house they represent, ID number / Passport number, designation, and contact details. It should be noted that not all applications will be approved. Outcomes of accreditation applications will be communicated via email.

Accreditation cards will be available and distributed to approved applicants. This will be communicated via email once accreditation has been finalised.

****Kindly make arrangements in writing should you be unable to collect accreditation during the allocated time.**



POOL FEED ARRANGEMENTS: INSIDE THE COURTROOM

The eNCA will be the host broadcaster for the duration of the proceedings. Arrangements for television, radio and online broadcasters will be made available. Please contact **Jody Jacobs** on (+27) 82 777 0969 and at Jody.Jacobs@enca.com.

Members of the media and public are encouraged to follow proceedings remotely via the live broadcast which will be provided by the eNCA.

As with the video feed, there will be a pool system for photographers. The South African National Editors Forum (SANEF) and the Foreign Correspondents Association (FCA) are kindly requested to co-ordinate and submit names of photographers who will form a pool for and provide pictures to the media.

PROCEDURES TO BE AWARE OF:

1. When entering the court, mandatory COVID-19 screening will be conducted. Please ensure that you have a face mask on at all times.
2. Your accreditation card and wristband will be your access to the courtroom. Access into the courtroom will not be granted without presenting both.

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