

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF JUSTICE

NOTICE 561 OF 2021

AMENDMENT NOTICE FOR THE WESTERN CAPE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 7(1) read with section 8(6) (d) of the Superior Courts Act, 2013 (10 of 2013) I, **John Mandlakayise Hlophe**, in my capacity as the Judge President of the Western Cape Division of the High Court, issue the attached notice in respect of the Western Cape Division of the High Court of South Africa.

DECLARATION OF CIRCUIT COURTS WITHIN THE POLLSMOOR MEDIUM A CORRECTIONAL CENTRE; GOODWOOD CORRECTIONAL CENTRE; DRAKENSTEIN MAXIMUM CORRECTIONAL CENTRE; MALMESBURY MEDIUM A CORRECTIONAL CENTRE AND GEORGE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE FOR THE WESTERN CAPE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA ISSUED BY JUDGE PRESIDENT JOHN MANDLAKAYISE HLOPHE IN TERMS OF SECTION 7 (1) OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS ACT 10 OF 2013.

NOTICE:

- Circuit Courts situate at the Pollsmoor Medium A Correctional Centre, Tokai within the district of Wynberg; Goodwood Correctional Centre, Goodwood within the district of Cape Town; Drakenstein Maximum Correctional Centre within the district of Paarl and Malmesbury Medium A Correctional Centre within the district of Malmesbury will sit as a High Court with effect from the 18 January 2021 (as per Govt Notice 11 of 2021 published in Govt Gazette 44086 dated 22 January 2021). In addition, the George Correctional Centre within the district of George, will sit as a High Court with effect from the 01 August 2021.
- The Pollsmoor Medium A Correctional Centre, Goodwood Correctional Centre, Drakenstein Maximum Correctional Centre, Malmesbury Medium A Correctional Centre and George Correctional Centre Circuit Courts shall have jurisdiction in respect of criminal trials, criminal pre-trials, criminal trial postponements, plea and sentence agreements in terms of section 105A of Act 51 of 1977 and bail applications or the amendment of bail conditions in terms of section 63 of Act 51 of 1977 emanating from the Provincial and Local Circuit Divisions of the Western Cape High Court.
- Furthermore, the George Correctional Centre Circuit Court will in addition have jurisdiction to hear criminal appeals and attend to criminal review applications as and when directed by the Judge President.
- Judges presiding in criminal matters as envisaged in para 2 above shall sit as and when so directed by the Judge President.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This notice shall, unless otherwise specified, become effective from **01 AUGUST 2021**.



John Mandlakayise Hlophe

Judge President of the Western Cape Division of the High Court of South Africa

Date: 22 JULY 2021