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MEDIA STATEMENT

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Request for comments on candidate nominated for the position of Deputy Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa

1. On 7 April 2022 the Chief Justice received a letter from the President of the Republic of

South Africa in which the President indicated that he is considering appointing Justice M

M L Maya, President of the Supreme Court of Appeal, as Deputy Chief Justice of the

Republic of South Africa and seeks to consult the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) on

her suitability for such appointment.

2. Justice Maya, has accepted this nomination. Furthermore, on 3 May 2022 she submitted,

the required JSC questionnaire and all the necessary and standard documentation

required for persons who seek to be appointed as a Judge.

3. Law bodies, members of the public and all other institutions with an interest in the work

of the JSC are invited to make written submissions, if any, on the suitability or otherwise

of Justice Maya for appointment as the Deputy Chief Justice and any other information

which they deem to be relevant to the selection process. These comments should be

directed to the Secretariat of the JSC at YVanniekerk@judiciary.org.za and

TPhaahlamohlaka@judiciary.org.za, Cc: JSC@judiciary.org.za. Comments must reach

the Secretariat by no later than 26 May 2022. No comments received after the closing

date will be considered.

4. Justice Maya will be invited for a public interview scheduled to take place on 20 June

2022 in Gauteng to determine her suitability or otherwise for appointment as Deputy Chief

Justice. Details of the time and venue will be communicated in due course to the media

and the public.

Enquiries:

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