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TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS, THE MPUMALANGA DIVISION

**re: AMENDED PRACTICE DIRECTIVES: JUDICIAL CASE MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCES FROM THE SECOND TERM, 14 APRIL 2025**

1. The Amended Practice Directives provide for a single judicial case management conference instead of the first and second judicial case management conferences.
2. 6 (six) case management courts in our Division, 3 (three) in Mbombela and Middelburg respectively, sit on Mondays to Thursdays during the trial weeks. Records show that on average, a Judge certifies 3 (three) out of 10 matters daily as trial-ready. Furthermore, on average, a matter is enrolled 3 (three) to 4 (four) times before it is ultimately certified trial-ready. The challenge is that parties and their legal representatives do not heed

compliance with the court rules as well as the directions and/or orders issued at the judicial case management conferences, leading to congested rolls.

3. The Amended Practice Directives are meant to address this particular identified problem, as it causes delays in the finalization of cases.
4. Under the circumstances, it is hereby directed as follows:
 - (a) The matters placed on the judicial case management conference roll for the month of April 2025 will be heard on the dates as allocated. In cases where there is any non-compliance with the court rules and/or case management directions issued at a judicial case management conference, the parties are hereby directed to remove their matters from the judicial case management conference roll and only re-enroll them when such non-compliance has been purged.
 - (b) The dates already allocated for judicial case management conferences from May 2025 and the subsequent months are considered provisional. The parties or their legal representatives shall submit a written request for their respective matters to be placed on the final judicial case management conference roll on the respective dates. The request shall be contained in a Practice Note indicating that the matter is ready to be declared trial-ready. **The request must be served on all interested parties and filed with the Registrar by Wednesday, 30th April 2025.** If no such request is filed timeously, the provisional date(s) will be allocated to other deserving matters for certification for trial readiness.

5. It is the primary responsibility of the parties and their legal representatives to prepare properly, comply with all rules of court and the case management directions/orders, and act professionally in expediting a matter toward trial and adjudication.
6. For any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the Chief Registrars, namely Mr. M Nhlapo (013 492 2214) in Middelburg and Mr. M Masekoameng (013 758 0000) in Mbombela.

Regards

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