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CASE FLOW MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: AN EFFICIENT JUSTICE SYSTEM

Members of the media are invited to attend the open session of the Case Flow Management Workshop hosted by the Office of the Chief Justice. The Workshop will include a presentation on the overview of the Case Flow Management Pilot Project, which has now been implemented across all the high courts.

The project aims to create a better and more efficient case flow management system, which will ensure that the courts are able to assist all who use them. The Access to Justice Conference held in 2010 resolved that the Judiciary, under the leadership of the Chief Justice take the necessary steps to implement management of the flow of civil cases in our courts by Judges effectively taking the control of the pace of litigation out of the hands of the parties and their legal representatives. This is one of the most effective tools towards enhancing access to justice, particularly for poor litigants. Judicial case flow management is a means to increasing access to justice for the people of South Africa by increasing the finalization of matters and reducing backlogs.

A Judicial Case Flow Management Committee (JCFMC) was established to implement elements of the Judicial case flow initiatives through a pilot project which was run in all the High Courts. The pilot project ended on 31 March 2015 and the purpose of the workshop is to discuss the way forward regarding Judicial Case Flow.

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The media are invited to attend as follows:

Venue: Southern Sun, O.R Tambo International Airport

Date: 9 April 2015

Time: 09H00

Ends.

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