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TO:-

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: DEFAULT JUDGMENTS IN MATTERS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT ACT, 34 of 2005

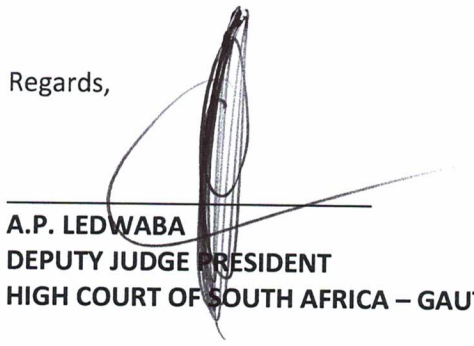
You may be aware that there are different approaches by courts of various divisions in dealing with default judgment applications in matters subject to the National Credit Act. There are also different judgments on the procedures to be followed.

In particular, there is a view that the default judgment applications can be dealt with by the Registrars, a view that only a court can deal with such applications, a view that if the applications are dealt with by a Judge it should not be in chambers but in an open court.

Because of the backlog and the delay on the application for default judgment applications. This division intends issuing a directive to be operational from November 2023 how the default judgment applications will be dealt with.

Please let me have your written comments to the proposed directive hereto attached on or before the 26 October 2023.

Regards,



A.P. LEDWABA
DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT
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