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MEDIA STATEMENT

MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE HEADS OF COURT TO CURB THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN ALL COURTS.

DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY CHIEF JUSTICE MOGOENG MOGOENG IN TERMS OF SECTION 8(3)(b) OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS ACT, 2013.

Whereas on Sunday, 15 March 2020 Cabinet decided that:

(i) gatherings of more than 100 people will be prohibited; and

(ii) where small gatherings are unavoidable, organizers will need to put in place stringent measures of prevention and control, in order to curb the spread of COVID-19 in South Africa,

Now, therefore, the Heads of Court have decided to adopt the following measures:

1. Persons with a material interest in a case, such as practitioners, litigants, accused persons, witnesses, those who may be needed to provide support such as those accompanying children, victims of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse, elderly and people with disabilities, family members, representatives of special interest or support groups and members of the media will be permitted to enter the court precinct.

2. All court buildings shall be secured to avoid exposing Judicial Officers, court staff and members of the public to risk. To that end, the following measures shall be put in place:
    a. Decontamination of reception and admission areas / community service centres, court rooms, cells / detention facilities, offices, lifts, vehicles, biometrics and ablution facilities; and all other objects that are generally touched by persons utilising the

9. The Judiciary urges all to comply with the directives and guidelines issued by the relevant Departments when dealing with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19.

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