



**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT A P LEDWABA
HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG PROVINCIAL DIVISION, PRETORIA**

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11 November 2020

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Our Ref: 39724/2019/ADJP POTTERILL/AN

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Our Ref: 39724/2019/ADJP POTTERILL/AN

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Dear Madam/Sir

**RE: THE TRUSTEES FOR THE TIME BEING OF GROUNDWORK TRUST AND
ANOTHER / THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND FOUR
OTHERS
CASE NUMBER 39724/2019**

1. The above matter as well as the virtual meeting held on 3 November 2020 refers.
2. The matter is hereby set down as a special motion on

17 to 19 MAY 2021. You are directed to file and upload unto CaseLines and send via email (AnNieuwoudt@judiciary.org.za) to my office a notice of set down with a copy of this letter attached to it **within 7 (seven) days** after receipt hereof, failing which the allocated date(s) of hearing will lapse and the date may be allocated to other litigants who applied for a special motion date.

3. I confirm that:

3.1 The respondents are to file their answering affidavit by no later than **29 JANUARY 2021.**

3.2 The applicants are to file their replying affidavit by no later than **26 FEBRUARY 2021.**

3.3 The amicus curiae are to file its replying affidavit by no later than **26 FEBRUARY 2021.**

3.4 The applicants are to file and upload fully indexed and paginated papers onto caseline by no later than **5 MARCH 2021.**

3.5 The applicants are to file their heads of argument, chronology and practice note by no later than **19 MARCH 2021.**

3.6 The amicus curiae are to file its heads of argument, chronology and practice note by no later than **26 MARCH 2021.**

3.7 The respondents are to file their heads of argument, chronology and practice note by no later than **14 APRIL 2021.**

3.8 Parties to confirm that all papers and heads of argument are filed and uploaded onto caseline by no later than **16 APRIL 2021.**

4. The parties should file and upload unto CaseLines and send via email (AnNieuwoudt@judiciary.org.za) to my office a **Joint Practice Note and Chronology of events** by no later than **23 APRIL 2021** containing the following:
 - Names of the parties and the case number
 - Names and telephone numbers of all counsel in the Motion
 - Nature of the Motion
 - Issues to be determined in the application
 - Relief sought at the hearing by the party on whose behalf counsel is appearing
 - An estimate of the probable duration of the application
 - Number of pages in the application and whether or not all papers need to be read and if not, which portion need not be read
5. In terms of the paragraph 22 of the directive of the Judge President dated 14 April 2020, only matters that have been uploaded on CaseLines shall be heard. All non-compliant matters shall automatically be removed from the roll.
6. In terms of the paragraph 5 to 13 of the directive of the Judge Presidents' Consolidated Directive dated 18 September 2020, Legal Practitioners must create those cases on the CaseLines system and thereafter invite Parties and/or their Legal Representatives to each created case they are involved in.
7. The Judge to whom a matter is allocated shall, not later than five Court days before the week in which the matter is set down, notify the Parties that he or she is seized with the matter and all further communication about the matter shall be directly, by email only to the email address stipulated by that Judge.
8. Should it, for any reason(s), transpire that this matter will not proceed on the given date, you are directed to inform the office of the Deputy Judge President via email to AnNieuwoudt@judiciary.org.za and JHefer@judiciary.org.za immediately.

9. None availability of counsel representing any of the parties shall simply not be allowed as a reason for the matter not to proceed on the date of hearing arranged with my office.

10. **Should the above directive not be complied with, the matter may not be allocated to a Judge and the allocated date(s) will be utilized for other deserving cases.**

Regards

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**S POTTERILL
ACTING DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT
NORTH GAUTENG HIGH COURT
CASE NUMBER 39724/2019**