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To: The Speakers and Municipal Managers of Nkonkobe/Nxuba; Tsolwana/Inkwanca/Lukanji; Maletswai/Gariep; Naledi/Mangaung; Mporofana; Umvoti; Musina; New Local Municipality in Vhembe District; Thulamela; Makhado; Blouberg; Molemole; Polokwane; Mookgopong/Modimolle; Fetakgomo/Greater Tubatse; Umjindi/Mbombela; //Khara Hais/Mier; and Ventersdorp/Tlokwe.

Cc: All MECs responsible for Local Government
National Assembly: Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
National Council of Provinces: Select Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Minister of Finance
Minister Water Affairs and Sanitation
Minister of Tourism
Minister of Justice and Correctional Service
Houses of Traditional Leaders
National Treasury
Statistics South Africa
Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)
South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC)
Government Communication and Information Service (GCIS)
Members of the MDB Extended Boundaries and Powers and Functions Committee
Members of the Local Elections Technical Committee
Other stakeholders

MDB CIRCULAR 19/2015: DELIMITATION OF WARDS IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL STRUCTURES ACT, 1998 FOR MUNICIPALITIES OF WHICH BOUNDARIES WERE RE-DETERMINED OR DETERMINED IN TERMS OF SECTION 21 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION ACT, 1998.

The MDB concluded the re-determination and determination of the municipal boundaries in terms of section 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 and published its final decisions in respect of the following municipalities in the relevant Provincial Gazettes on 25 August 2015:

EASTERN CAPE	Maletswai/Gariep
	Nkonkobe/Nxuba
	Tsolwana/Inkwanca/ Lukhanji
FREE STATE	Naledi/Mangaung
KWAZULU-NATAL	Mpofana
	Umvoti
LIMPOPO	Musina
	New Local Municipality within Vhembe district.
	Thulamela
	Makhado
	Blouberg
	Molemole
	Polokwane
	Mookgopong/ Modimolle
	Fetakgomo/Greater Tubatse
MPUMALANGA	Mbombela/Umjindi
NORTHERN CAPE	//Khara Hais/Mier
NORTH WEST	Ventersdorp/Tlokwe

The relevant section 21(5) notices were published on 25 August 2015 in the following Provincial Gazettes:

PROVINCE	PROVINCIAL GAZETTE NO.	NOTICE NO.	DATE OF PUBLICATION
EASTERN CAPE	3481	90	25 August 2015
FREE STATE	79	56	25 August 2015
KWAZULU-NATAL	1476	121	25 August 2015
LIMPOPO	2586	53	25 August 2015
MPUMALANGA	2545	29	25 August 2015
NORTHERN CAPE	1949	131	25 August 2015
NORTH WEST	7525	62	25 August 2015

In terms of section 23 of the Demarcation Act, 1998, the IEC published its views on these cases in the relevant Provincial Gazettes on 27 August 2015.

The MECs responsible for local government in the affected provinces published the number of councillors for these municipalities in the following Provincial Gazettes, and the number of wards is indicated in the last column:

Province	Municipality	Notice No.	Prov Gazette No	Date	Number of councillors	No. of wards
EASTERN CAPE	Maletswai/Gariep	131	3502	21 Sept 2015	22	11
	Nkonkobe/Nxuba	131	3502	21 Sept 2015	46	23
	Tsolwana/Inkwanca/Lukhanji	131	3502	21 Sept 2015	68	34
FREE STATE	Naledi/Mangaung	63	94	18 Sept 2015	100	50
KWAZULU-NATAL	Mpofana	144	1264	31 Oct 2014	9	5
	Umvoti	144	1264	31 Oct 2014	27	14
LIMPOPO	Musina	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	24	12
	New Local Municipality within Vhembe district.	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	71	36
	Thulamela	367	2429	9 Oct 2014	81	41
	Makhado	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	75	38
	Blouberg	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	44	22
	Molemole	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	32	16
	Polokwane	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	90	45
	Mookgopong/Modimolle	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	28	14
	Fetakgomo/Greater Tubatse	323	2599	28 Sept 2015	77	39
MPUMALANGA	Mbombela/Umjindi (New) MP326	429	2558	16 Sept 2015	90	45
NORTHERN CAPE	//Khara Hais/Mier	71	1954	16 Sept 2015	31	16
NORTH WEST	Ventersdorp/Tlokwe	434	7533	8 Sept 2015	67	34

To allow the affected municipalities to start consulting their local stakeholders, provisional schedules per province have been prepared with proposals as to which voting districts should be considered for inclusion into each ward. These schedules are attached as **Annexure 1**.

During local consultations the following criteria in Schedule 1 to the Structures Act, 1998 should be taken into account:

Delimitation criteria

The Demarcation Board after consulting the Electoral Commission must delimit a municipality into wards, each having approximately the same number of voters, taking into account the following criteria:

- (a) The number of registered voters in each ward, may not vary by more than fifteen per cent from the norm, where the norm is determined by dividing the total number of registered voters on the municipality's segment of the national common voters roll by the number of wards in the municipality.
- (b) The need to avoid as far as possible the fragmentation of communities.
- (c) The object of a ward committee as set out in section 72 (3) which is to enhance participatory democracy in local government.
- (d) The availability and location of a suitable place or places for voting and counting if appropriate, taking into consideration-
 - (i) communication and accessibility;
 - (ii) density of population;
 - (iii) topography and physical characteristics; and
 - (iv) the number of voters that are entitled to vote within the required time-frame.
- (e) The safety and security of voters and election material.
- (f) Identifiable ward boundaries.

The MDB intends to hold public meetings in these new municipal areas to allow the public to air their views on the proposed ward boundaries. The MDB would like to finalise these public meetings between 5 and 21 October 2015 as follows:

AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES	TIME	DATE	VENUE
EASTERN CAPE			
Nkonkobe/ Nxuba	10h00	19 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Tsolwana/ Inkwanca/ Lukanji	10h00	20 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Maletswai/Gariep	10h00	21 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
FREE STATE			
Naledi/ Mangaung	10h00	16 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
KWAZULU-NATAL			
Umvoti	10h00	12 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Mpofana	10h00	13 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
LIMPOPO			
Musina	10h00	12 October 2015	To be provided by municipality

AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES	TIME	DATE	VENUE
New Local Municipality within Vhembe district.	10h00	13 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Thulamela	10h00	14 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Makhado	10h00	15 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Blouberg	10h00	16 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Molemole	10h00	15 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Polokwane	10h00	14 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Mookgopong/ Modimolle	10h00	13 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
Fetakgomo/ Greater Tubatse	10h00	14 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
MPUMALANGA			
Mbombela/ Umjindi	10h00	5 & 9 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
NORTHERN CAPE			
Mier - //Khara Hais	10h00	12/13 October 2015	To be provided by municipality
NORTH WEST			
Ventersdorp/ Tlokwe City	10h00	14 October 2015	To be provided by municipality

Municipalities are requested to again assist the MDB by providing suitable venues. The following MDB staff members will get in touch with Municipal Manager to further arrange the logistics, and stakeholders are also welcome to contact them for any information that may be required in connection with this circular:

Province	Official	Email address
Eastern Cape	Ayanda Monkhe	ayanda@demarcation.org.za
Free State	Thabiso Plank	thabiso@demarcation.org.za
North West	Kamal Khadua	kamal@demarcation.org.za
KwaZulu-Natal	Liz Mazibuko	liz@demarcation.org.za
Limpopo	Fazel Hoosen	fazel@demarcation.org.za
Northern Cape	Mthobisi Manzini	mthobisi@demarcation.org.za
Mpumalanga	Hester Marais	hester@demarcation.org.za

As municipalities know the stakeholders within their areas that may have an interest in the ward delimitation process, the MDB would like to leave it to municipalities to

invite the relevant persons, institutions, and community organisations in their areas to attend the meeting. The MDB realises that circumstances and stakeholders may differ from municipality to municipality, and would not like to be prescriptive as to who should be invited except to indicate that the MDB would appreciate the presence of a wide range of community representatives.

The procedures for consultation, and for the public meetings were been provided in Circular 4/2014.

Any person wishing to submit written proposals on wards can do so during the public meetings, or within 10 days after the public meetings on the form attached as **Annexure B**.

This Circular, the schedules, and the ward maps, will also be posted on the MDB website www.demarcation.org.za as soon as possible.

Stakeholders are requested to distribute this circular as widely as possible, and to inform their constituencies that the Board's delimitation of wards will be gazetted for objections soon after consideration of public hearing and written inputs.

The MDB envisages to provide the final wards to the IEC by end November 2015 so as to allow sufficient time for the IEC to prepare for the 2016 local elections.

Kind regards



JANE THUPANA:
CHAIRPERSON: MDB
2 October 2015

ANNEXURE 1
CIRCULAR 19/2015
DRAFT SCHEDULES FOR THE DELIMITATION OF WARDS IN TERMS OF
SCHEDULE 1 OF THE STRUCTURES ACT, 1998

**ANNEXURE B
MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD (MDB)**

PARTICIPATION BY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE WARDS DELIMITATION PROCESS

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR WARD BOUNDARIES TO THE MDB.

<p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please read before you complete the form</p>
COMPLETION OF THIS FORM
<p>THIS FORM COMPRISES OF TWO (2) SECTIONS OF WHICH ONLY ONE (1) SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED</p> <p><u>SECTION 1 (MDBA1)</u></p> <p>This section should be completed when you agree with the boundaries of ALL wards proposed by the MDB.</p> <p><u>SECTION 2 (MDBA2)</u></p> <p>This section should be completed when you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with the boundaries of SOME wards proposed by the MDB. • Disagree with the boundaries of ALL the wards proposed by the MDB. • Disagree with the boundaries of SOME wards proposed by the MDB. • Wish to submit alternative proposals for all ward boundaries, or for some ward boundaries
COMPLIANCE
<p>Any proposal must comply with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All wards must have approximately the same number of registered voters. • No ward may have more than, or less than, the number of voters allowed by law. • Voting districts should be used as building blocks for wards, and may not be split. • The criteria provided for in Schedule 1 to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998, should be taken into account.
SUBMISSIONS
<p>Only this form should be used to submit proposals to the MDB. The form can also be downloaded from the MDB website www.demarcation.org.za</p> <p>The completed form should be handed to MDB officials when at the scheduled public meetings.</p> <p>Alternatively the form can be faxed (0123422480) or emailed (info@demarcation.org.za) to the MDB after the MDB's proposed wards have been made public.</p>

SECTION 1 (MDBA1)

This section should be completed when you agree with ALL wards proposed by the MDB.

I / My municipality/ My institution/ My organisation/ My party agree(s) to ALL the ward proposed by the MDB for the following municipality:

Name of municipality:Code:

Signature:.....

Name:.....

Institution:.....

Tel. number:.....Cell number:.....

Email address:.....

SECTION 2 (MDBA2)

This section should be completed when you:

- Agree with the boundaries of SOME wards proposed by the MDB.
- Disagree with the boundaries of ALL the wards proposed by the MDB.
- Disagree with the boundaries of SOME wards proposed by the MDB.
- Wish to submit alternative proposals for all ward boundaries, or for some ward boundaries

Acceptance of certain ward boundaries

Name of municipality :Code:

I confirm that I/my municipality/my organisation/ my institution/ my party agreed to accept the wards proposed by the MDB for the following wards:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Note: Please tick (X) the number of the ward that is acceptable

Proposal for alternative ward boundaries

I/My municipality/My organisation/ My institution/ My party submit(s) the following alternative proposals for the wards in:

Name of municipality :Code:

NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS ALLOWED PER WARD IN THIS MUNICIPALITY		
Norm	Max	Min

WARD NUMBER	PROPOSAL	
Ward number	Voting district number	Number of registered voters in voting district
EXAMPLE (Adjacent voting districts are to be clustered to form a ward)		
Ward number	Voting district number	Number of registered voters in VD
Ward X	VD80182384 (1230)	1230
	VD80180089 (1900)	1900
	VD80230454 (762)	762
		Total = 3892
Ward number	Voting district number	Number of registered voters in voting district

Ward 1		
Ward 2		
Ward 3		

Notes: (a) Expand the table to cover all the wards on which you would like to make proposals to the MDB; and (b) use the ward numbers for the 2016 local elections on the maps.

Consultations completed

The following stakeholders have been consulted about the above-mentioned alternative proposals, and they agreed:

Name	Institution	Contact details	Signature

Note: (a) You may expand this table. (b) Only representatives of all stakeholders consulted may be signatories.

Submitted by:

Signature:.....

Name:.....

Institution:.....

Tel. number:.....**Cell number:**.....

Email address:.....