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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD (MDB)
MS JANE THUPANA ON BOARD DECISION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DETERMINATION AND
RE-DETERMINATION OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BEFORE THE 2016 LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Following the MDB Circulars 2/2015, 3/2015 and 4/2015, and compliance with section 26 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998, the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) wishes to thank stakeholders for submitting their views and representations to the MDB on the request of the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs that the boundaries of certain municipalities be determined or re-determined.

In compliance with section 27, the MDB has considered all views and representations, and has decided as follows:

Matter that will NOT be considered or reconsidered before the 2016 local elections are as follow:

EASTERN CAPE		
DEM4501	Disestablish Great Kei LM and amalgamate with Buffalo City Metro with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Already considered in the previous cycle and not approved.
KWAZULU-NATAL		
DEM4520	<p>Create a Category A Municipality with The Msunduzi as its core:</p> <p>Option 1: Whole District becomes a Category A municipality</p> <p>Option 2: The local municipalities of Mkambathini (KZN226), excluding the Traditional Authority areas of Nkosi Mkize (to be amalgamated with eThekweni Metro), The Msunduzi (KZN225) and Richmond (KZN227) be amalgamated to form a Category A municipality. The local municipalities of uMshwati (KZN221), uMngeni (KZN222), including disestablished wards 1, 2 and 3 from Mpofana (KZN223) and Impendle (KZN224) municipalities will then form the local municipalities within the Umgungundlovu District Municipality.</p>	<p>Already considered in the previous cycle and not approved.</p> <p>In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA supported the request that the entire district area be categorised as a Category A area, but only with effect from 2021.</p>
DEM4521	<p>Create a Category A Municipality with Umhlatuze as its core:</p> <p>Option: The whole District becomes a Category A municipality Mbonambi (KZN281), Umhlathuze (KZN282), Ntambanana (KZN283), uMlalazi (KZN284), Mthonjaneni (KZN285), Nkandla (KZN286).</p>	In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA supported the request that the entire district area be categorised as a Category A area, but only with effect from 2021.
DEM4523	Align Traditional boundaries:	In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA

	<p>The Traditional Area of Embo/Thumini be excised from Mkambathini Local Municipality and included into the eThekweni Metro.</p>	<p>did not support the request.</p> <p>The alignment of traditional boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.</p>
DEM4524	<p>Align Traditional boundaries:</p> <p>Two options are put forward for possible redetermination, but a full consultation process must be undertaken.</p> <p>Option 1: Excise wards 3 and 4 from Nquthu Local Municipality (KZN242) and incorporate them into Ulundi Local Municipality (KZN266). This would consolidate community members from these two wards with wards 16 and 23 Ulundi municipality where the majority of the Ntombela community members presently reside. Certain minor adjustments within the Mthonjaneni and Nkandla municipalities will have to be made, incorporating them into Ulundi Municipality. The Zondo Traditional Authority must remain in Nquthu.</p> <p>Option 2: Wards 16, 17, 21 and 23 Ulundi Municipality be incorporated into the Nquthu Municipal area, with the same minor adjustments in Mthonjaneni and Nkandla municipalities having to be made.</p>	<p>In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA requested the MDB to investigate both options.</p> <p>The alignment of traditional boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.</p>
DEM4525	<p>Align Traditional boundaries:</p> <p>A certain portion of the Nyuswa Tribal Area falling within the Ubuhlebezwe (KZN434) municipal</p>	<p>In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA did not support this case, and requested that the status quo be retained.</p> <p>Concern that the alignment of traditional</p>

	<p>area needs to be excised from that municipality and be incorporated into Vulamehlo municipality, and ultimately into Umdoni (KZN212) municipality, as Vulamehlo is being split between Umdoni and eThekweni metro.</p>	<p>boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.</p>
DEM4526	<p>Align Traditional boundaries:</p> <p>Qwabe Traditional Area be excised from Umzumbe Local Municipality (KZN213) and incorporated into Hibiscus Coast Local Municipality (KZN216).</p>	<p>In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA did not support this case, and requested that the status quo be retained.</p> <p>Concern that the alignment of traditional boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.</p>
DEM4527	<p>Align Traditional boundaries:</p> <p>It is proposed that wards 5 and 6 of Umvoti Local Municipality (KZN245) be incorporated into Maphumulo Local Municipality (KZN294).</p>	<p>In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA requested the MDB to further investigate this case.</p> <p>Concern that the alignment of traditional boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.</p>
DEM4528	<p>Align Traditional boundaries if a Category A municipality for Greater Umhlathuze (including Mfolozi) is not considered an option by the Board.</p> <p>Somopo Tribal area which has been split in terms of DEM4176 be taken up with the MDB for it to be included into Mfolozi (KZN281) or alternatively into uMhlathuze Municipality (KZN282).</p>	<p>In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA did not support the proposal in respect of the Somopo tribal area, and requested the MDB to investigate the consolidation of the Mambuka Traditional Council.</p> <p>Concern that the alignment of traditional boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.</p>
DEM4529	<p>Align Traditional boundaries:</p> <p>The boundary between Umlalazi (KZN284) and Nkandla (KZN286) Local</p>	<p>In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA requested that this matter be further investigated.</p>

	Municipalities requires consideration in terms of consolidating the Shange Traditional areas, preferably using a natural feature to determine the boundary.	Concern that the alignment of traditional boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.
DEM4530	Align Traditional boundaries: Certain minor adjustments on the boundary between eDumbe (KZN261) and uPhongolo (KZN262) municipal areas need to be made.	In its section 26 submission KZN CoGTA supported the inclusion of the Ntungwini area in ward 6 in eDumbe into uPongolo. Concern that the alignment of traditional boundaries falls outside the urgent cases related to Government's back to basics programme, and can be investigated after the 2016 local elections.
FREE STATE		
DEM4543	Incorporate the Ikgomotseng/Soutpan community from the Masilonyana LM into the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality. Incorporate the Glen Magisterial area and surrounding farms from Masilonyana LM into Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality to ensure the economic sustainability of the farming communities in the area.	These area already fall within the Mangaung Metropolitan area.

Note: the section 26 submission period in respect of DEM4543 only lapses on 7 April 2015

Matter that will be considered before the 2016 local elections

The MDB has decided to further investigate the requests below and to hold public meetings.

EASTERN CAPE	
DEM4500	Amalgamate Ikwezi LM (EC103), Bavians LM (EC107) and Camdeboo LM (EC101) with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new

	municipality.
DEM4502	Amalgamate Gariiep LM with Maletswai LM (EC143) with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4503	Amalgamate Nxuba LM with Nkonkobe LM (EC127) with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4505	Amalgamate Inkwanca LM, Tsolwana LM (EC132) and Lukhanji LM (EC134) with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
NORTH WEST	
DEM4516	Amalgamate Kagisano Molopo LM (NW397) and Naledi LM (NW392) with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4517	Amalgamate Ventersdorp LM and Tlokwe LM, and optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality by incorporating wards from the Matlosana LM.
DEM4540	Amalgamate Kgetleng Rivier LM with Rustenburg LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4541	Disestablish Ratlou LM and amalgamate with Mahikeng and Tswaing LMs with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipalities.
KWAZULU-NATAL	
DEM4522	Disestablish Mpfana (KZN223) Local Municipality: Wards 1, 2 and 3 Mpfana to be amalgamated with uMngeni Municipality (KZN222), while ward 4 Mpfana be amalgamated with Umvoti Municipality (KZN245). A portion of ward 2 Mpfana be incorporated into Impendle Municipality (KZN224). The effect of this would be the total disestablishment of Mpfana Local Municipality.
LIMPOPO	
DEM4519	Disestablish Mutale LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of all the municipalities in the Vhembe District Municipality.
DEM4531	Disestablish Aganang LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of these municipalities in the Capricorn District Municipality.
DEM4532	Disestablish Maruleng LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of these municipalities in the Mopani District Municipality.
DEM4533	Disestablish Fetakgomo LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of these municipalities in the Sekhukhune District Municipality.
DEM4534	Amalgamate Modimolle and Mookgopong LMs with a view to optimizing financial viability.
NORTHERN CAPE	
DEM4513	Amalgamate Mier LM and //Khara Hais LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
MPUMALANGA	
DEM4535	Amalgamate Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme LM and Msukaligwa LM with a view to

	optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4536	Amalgamate Dipaleseng LM and Lekwa LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4537	Amalgamate Umjindi LM and Mbombela LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4538	Amalgamate Emakhazeni LM and Steve Tshwete LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
DEM4539	Amalgamate Victor Khanye LM and Emalahleni LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.
FREE STATE	
DEM4542	Incorporate Naledi LM into the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.

Note: the section 26 submission period in respect of DEM4542 only lapses on 7 April 2015.

Public Meetings

Notice was given in terms of section 28 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (Act No.27 of 1998) of the decision of the MDB to hold meetings on the proposed determination or redetermination of municipal boundaries as set out in the schedule. These notices with the final time, date and place of each public meeting will be published in newspapers circulating in the areas concerned, and the contents thereof will be conveyed by radio or other appropriate means.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings where a representative of the Board will explain the issues that the Board has to consider, including any options open to the Board. During the meeting, members of the public will be allowed to put forward written submissions to the MDB representative to support their views. To assist the MDB in considering the submissions, it should be based on section 24 and 25 of the Demarcation Act, 1998 (Annexure C to Circulars 2/2015, 3/2015 and 4/2015) which are available on the MDB website www.demarcation.org.za). At these meetings, relevant questions will be answered by the Board.

After the public meetings, the MDB will decide as to whether it will proceed with the section 21 process, or not.

Should the MDB decide NOT to proceed with the section 21 process, the affected municipalities in which no public meetings on the delimitation of wards have been held between January and March 2015, will be requested to host such public meetings in order to finalise ward delimitation within their boundaries. Should the MDB decide to proceed with the section 21 process, the wards in the affected municipalities will be delimited after the completion of the section 21 process.

MDB CIRCULAR 5/2015 issued and the final section 28 notices are available on the MDB website: www.demarcation.org.za

Attached is a schedule with dates and times of public meetings. Venues will be confirmed.

The Municipal Demarcation Board is committed to sustain a developmental approach to address the historical fragmented and inadequate spatial planning in partnership with all stakeholders. The demarcation processes supports integrated development planning, greater involvement of communities in local level consultation initiatives and a partnership approach towards efforts to grow local economies. Through these processes local government will be shaped systematically and structurally.

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SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

REFERENCE/ DEM NO.	MINISTER'S REQUEST	AFFECTED MUNICIPALIT IES	CODE	TIME	DATE	PLACE
EASTERN CAPE						
DEM4500	Amalgamate Ikwezi LM, Baviaans LM and Camdeboo LM with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Camdeboo	EC101	10h00	15 April 2015	Sarah Baartman District Municipality
		Ikwezi	EC103			
		Baviaans	EC107			
DEM4503	Amalgamate Nxuba LM with Nkonkobe LM with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Nkonkobe	EC127	10h00	14 April 2015	Amathole District Municipality
		Nxuba	EC128			
DEM4505	Amalgamate Inkwanca LM, Tsolwana LM and Lukhanji LM with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Tsolwana	EC132	10h00	16 April 2015	Chris Hani District Municipality
		Inkwanca	EC133			
		Lukanji	EC134			
DEM4502	Amalgamate Gariep LM with Maletswai LM with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Maletswai	EC143	10h00	17 April 2015	Joe Gqabi District Municipality
		Gariep	EC144			
KWAZULU-NATAL						
DEM4522	Disestablish Mpofana LM: Wards 1, 2 and 3 Mpofana to be amalgamated with uMngeni LM, while ward 4 Mpofana LM be amalgamated	uMngeni	KZN222	10h00	16 April 2015	Umgungundlovu District Municipality
		Mpofana	KZN223			
		Impendle	KZN224			
		Umvoti	KZN245			
		Umgungun- dlovu	DC22			

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	with Umvoti LM A portion of ward 2 Mpofana LM be incorporated into Impendle LM. The effect of this would be the total disestablishmen t of Mpofana LM.	Umzinyathi	DC24			
LIMPOPO						
DEM4532	Disestablish Maruleng LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of these municipalities in the Mopani District Municipality.	Greater Tzaneen	LIM333	10h00	14 April 2015	Mopani District Municipality
		Ba- Phalaborwa	LIM334			
		Maruleng	LIM335			
DEM4519	Disestablish Mutale LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of all the municipalities in the Vhembe District Municipality.	Musina	LIM341	10h00	13 April 2015	Vhembe District Municipality
		Mutale	LIM342			
		Thulamela	LIM343			
		Makhado	LIM344			
DEM4531	Disestablish Aganang LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of these municipalities in the Capricorn District Municipality.	Blouberg	LIM351	10h00	15 April 2015	Capricorn District Municipality
		Aganang	LIM352			
		Molemole	LIM353			
		Polokwane	LIM354			
DEM4534	Amalgamate Modimolle and Mookgopong LMs with a view to optimizing financial viability.	Mookgopong	LIM364	10h00	16 April 2015	Waterberg District Municipality
		Modimolle	LIM365			

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DEM4533	Disestablish Fetakgomo LM with a view to optimising the financial viability of these municipalities in the Sekhukhune District Municipality.	Makhudutha-maga	LIM473	10h00	17 April 2015	Sekhukhune District Municipality
		Fetakgomo	LIM474			
		Greater Tubatse	LIM475			
MPUMALANGA						
DEM4535	Amalgamate Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme LM and Msukaligwa LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Msukaligwa	MP302	10h00	14 April 2015	Gert Sibande District Municipality
		Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme	MP304			
DEM4536	Amalgamate Dipaleseng LM and Lekwa LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Lekwa	MP305			
		Dipaleseng	MP306			
DEM4539	Amalgamate Victor Khanye LM and Emalahleni LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Victor Khanye	MP311	10h00	15 April 2015	Nkangala District Municipality
		Emalahleni	MP312			
DEM4538	Amalgamate Emakhazeni LM and Steve Tshwete LM with a view to optimizing the financial	Steve Tshwete	MP313			
		Emakhazeni	MP314			

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	viability of the new municipality.					
DEM4537	Amalgamate Umjindi LM and Mbombela LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Mbombela	MP322	10h00	16 April 2015	Ehlanzeni District Municipality
		Umjindi	MP323			
NORTH WEST						
DEM4540	Amalgamate Kgetleng Rivier LM with Rustenburg LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Rustenburg	NW373	10h00	14 April 2015	Bojanala District Municipality
		Kgetlengrivier	NW374			
DEM4541	Disestablish Ratlou LM and amalgamate with Mahikeng and Tswaing LMs with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipalities.	Ratlou	NW381	10h00	15 April 2015	Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality
		Tswaing	NW382			
		Mafikeng	NW383			
DEM4516	Amalgamate Kagisano-Molopo LM and Naledi LM with the view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Naledi	NW392	10h00	16 April 2015	Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality
		Kagisano-Molopo	NW397			
DEM4517	Amalgamate Ventersdorp LM and Tlokwe LM, and optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality by incorporating wards from the	Ventersdorp	NW401	10h00	17 April 2015	Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality
		Matlosana	NW403			
		Tlokwe City	NW402			

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	Matlosana LM.					
NORTHERN CAPE						
DEM4513	Amalgamate Mier LM and //Khara Hais LM with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Mier	NC081	10h00	21 April 2015	Z.F Mgcawu District Municipality
		//Khara Hais	NC083			
FREE STATE						
DEM4542	Incorporate Naledi LM into the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality with a view to optimizing the financial viability of the new municipality.	Naledi	FS164	10h00	24 April 2015	Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality
		Mangaung	MAN			