



MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD

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DECISION OF THE MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD REGARDING THE MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS, MR PRAVIN GORDHAN'S REQUEST ON THE RE-DETERMINATION OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES IN THE AREA OF THE WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Gauteng, August 05, 2015 – The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) wishes to inform the media, its stakeholders and the community of the West Rand District Municipality of its decision concerning the proposal by Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Pravin Gordhan, that the area of the West Rand, be demarcated and categorized as a Category A (metropolitan) municipality.

Following receipt of the Minister's request dated 15 April 2015, the Board complied with section 26 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (calling for written views and representations), and also held public meetings from 21 to 24 July 2015.

In light of the above, the Board considered the proposal on 30 July 2015, taking all public and other inputs into account and came to the decision that the matter requires further investigation and would therefore **not be concluded before the 2016 local elections**. Investigations to be conducted after the 2016 local elections will be a continuation of the current process which means there will be no need for the submission of a new proposal in terms of section 22 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998.

Having closed a chapter relating to the outer boundaries, the Board will commence with the ward delimitation process in the Randfontein/Westonaria, Merafong City and Mogale City, by holding public meetings in the three municipalities. The provisional dates are as follows:

DATE	DAY	TIME	CODE	MUNICIPALITY
18/08/2015	TUE	10:00	GT481	Mogale City Local Municipality
20/08/2016	THU	10:00	GT484	Merafong City Local Municipality
24/08/2016	MON	10:00	GT485	New Randfontein/ Westonaria Local Municipality

These meetings intend to get public inputs on the proposed ward boundaries and will be taking into account the criteria set out in Schedule 1 to the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998. The municipalities have been requested to provide venues, and to also extend the invitation to as many local stakeholders as possible. The final details including the venues and confirming the dates will be announced.

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