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THE MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD COMMENCES WITH SECTION 21 DEMARCATIONS

During February and early March 2018, the MDB embarked on a public consultative programme to obtain views and comments regarding possible solutions to fix the technical municipal boundary misalignments affecting various communities. This was a culmination of a process that started in the first quarter of 2017, involving stakeholders such as the National House of Traditional Leaders, Provincial Executive Councils and municipalities. These misalignments, if left unresolved, have the potential to cause disruptions, including challenges with the management and administration of property rates by municipalities when a farm straddles boundaries of two or more municipalities.

In March 2018, the Board published Section 26 legal notices stipulating its intention to consider several cases and invited members of the public to submit their written views and representations within a 30 day period from the date of publication. By end of this period, the MDB had received submissions for a total of 45 cases from community members, municipalities and other stakeholders. Having considered all views and representations, the Board resolved to re-determine the municipal boundaries in terms of Section 21 of the Municipal Demarcation Act 27 of 1998(MDA).

The MDB has now published the re-determinations in various Provincial Gazettes from 14 to 18 June 2018. Members of the public are requested to access the gazettes for information on the re-determinations from www.demarcation.org.za or www.gpwonline.co.za. Gazettes will also be available at the offices of all affected municipalities and in public places within the affected communities. The MDB will communicate through identified radio stations information about the section 21 process to create awareness and encourage members of the public to participate. Radio Broadcasts will take place between the 19th and 30 of June 2018. Anyone aggrieved by the re-determinations is required, in terms of Section 21 of the Municipal Demarcation Act 27 of 1998, to submit objections within 30 days of publication of a Section 21 notice.

Members of the public in affected areas are urged to take part in this process and to ensure that their views reach the MDB for consideration. The Board will then consider all the objections and either confirm, vary or withdraw its decision. Thereafter, the final decision

regarding the re-determinations will be published in the relevant provincial Gazettes in terms of Section 21 (5) of the MDA.

Summary of Cases per province

Province	Cases Published in Terms of Section 26	Cases Recommended to be Published in Terms of Section 21	Cases Not Recommended to be Published in Terms of Section 21
Eastern Cape	7	8	0
Free State	10	10	0
Gauteng	5	5	0
KwaZulu Natal	28	28	0
Limpopo	5	5	0
Mpumalanga	5	5	0
North West	9	9	0
Northern Cape	7	7	0
Western Cape	30	26	4
TOTAL	106	103	4

The media and members of the public are informed that the current cycle of municipal boundary re-determination (technical adjustments) will be concluded in July 2018 to facilitate hand-over to the Independent Electoral Commission as the latter prepares for the 2019 Provincial and National elections. Any other municipal boundary re-determination will be dealt with after the 2021 local government elections.

The MDB appreciates the public's involvement in this process thus far and would like to encourage further participation during this window period to accommodate those that might have missed an opportunity to engage through the platforms that were created since early 2017.

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