CIRCULAR 1 OF 2021

To: Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
MECs of Provincial Departments responsible for Local Government
Chairpersons of National & Provincial Houses of Traditional Leaders
President of South African Local Government Association
Chairperson of Independent Electoral Commission
Mayors of affected Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities

Speakers of all Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities
HOD's of Provincial Departments responsible for Local Government
PEO's of Independent Electoral Commission
Municipal Managers Metropolitan, District and Local Municipalities
Chief Surveyor General
Chief Electoral Officer
Chief Executive Officer of SALGA
Statistician – General
Members of extended Boundaries, Powers and Function Committee
Members of Local Elections Technical Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

CIRCULAR 1/2021: 2021 MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REDETERMINATION PROCESS

PURPOSE
1. To advice on plans for the municipal boundary redetermination process for 2021 onwards.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND
2. The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) determines municipal boundaries in accordance with the Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (MDA) and other appropriate legislation enacted in terms of Chapter 7 of the Constitution.
3. The MDB concluded the ward delimitation process in December 2020 and handed the ward boundaries to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) to prepare for the 2021 Local Government Elections (LGE).
4. The MDB had released two circulars, Circular 1/2017 and Circular 1/2019 where it was indicated that the MDB will only be considering municipal boundary redeterminations after the LGE in 2021.

**OPENING OF THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REDETERMINATION PROCESS**

5. The 2021 LGE is envisaged for the 27th of October 2021. The MDB will be opening the municipal boundary redetermination process after the LGE.

6. All stakeholders and members of the public who wish to submit proposals to determine or re-determine municipal boundaries may do so any time after the elections.

7. The MDB will communicate details on the municipal boundary re-determination process when the process is opened after the elections.

8. For any further queries please contact the MDB at info@demarcation.org.za or Mr Fazel Hoosen at 012 342 2481.

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**Regards,**

MR TM MANYONI
CHAIRPERSON: MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD
DATE: 31 May 2021

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