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THE DEMARCATION BOARD'S OUTCOME OF THE BOUNDARY CHANGE PROCESS

In December 2023, the Board considered the outcome of the public meetings and formal investigations conducted in respective Provinces and has resolved to either proceed and re-determine municipal boundaries or not proceed with the proposed municipal boundary re-determination. Proposals on major re-determinations were deferred for further assessment.

It should be noted that:

- For proposals proceeding to section 21 of the (MDA), members of the public are given an opportunity to submit written objections within **30 calendar days** of the published provincial gazette for their respective provinces.
- For proposals not proceeding to section 21 of the MDA, those cases are deemed closed, and no further input is required.
- For proposals that have been deferred, they are regarded as complex in nature and will require an extensive and in-depth analysis, to not only determine their feasibility but also the possible impact or consequences they might have on the current municipal spatial configuration, administrations and financial conditions in the area and explore other options that might be available.
- The MDB intends to subject those proposals that have been deferred to further research, public consultations and stakeholder engagements before a decision is taken on whether to re-determine municipal boundaries or not.

In summary, a total of sixty-three (63) proposals are proceeding to section 21 of the MDA, and a total of hundred and thirty-two (132) proposals are closed, with a total of thirteen (13)

proposals deferred. Circular 1 of 2024, has been issued and contains the relevant details as per category of the Board resolution. The circular can be downloaded on the MDB website: www.demarcation.org.za.

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