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TO: ALL PRACTITIONERS

**PRACTICE DIRECTIVE: TRIAL DEFAULT JUDGMENT MATTERS BEFORE THE HON-
OURABLE JUSTICE DE VILLIERS (AJ): 14 MAY 2026**

The trial default judgment matters will be dealt with as follows:

1. All matters will proceed via Microsoft Teams and court will start at 09h00.

Microsoft Teams meeting

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2. Introductions will take place on the Microsoft Teams platform.

3. Strict compliance with the filing of heads of argument, practice note and draft orders are to be adhered to and failure to file same timeously will result in your matter being removed from the roll.
4. Papers are to be properly indexed and paginated with a Practice Note in line with the latest Practice Directive, dated 11 June 2021.
5. On the question of the Practice Note, a deficient Practice Note will be disregarded and your matter will be removed. LPs are to refer to the Practice Manual and the Judge President's prevailing directives.
6. The Practice Note must indicate at least the following (to assist the Judge in his preparation):
 - 6.1 Particulars and contact details of the legal practitioners;
 - 6.2 Brief background, with the factual and legal issues identified;
 - 6.3 The nature of the relief sought, (not a regurgitation of the Notice of Motion);
 - 6.4 Submissions and legal authority, the party is relying on, at high level;
 - 6.5 Estimated time required for argument.
7. LPs are to refrain from contacting the Judge directly, either by way of an email, WhatsApp or phone.

We trust that you will find the above in order.

Best regards,

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