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## COURT DIRECTIVE

## RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CASES DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD, 26 MARCH – 16 APRIL 2020: SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL

By virtue of the powers delegated to me by the Chief Justice in terms of s 8(3) of the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013 and following consultation with him, I hereby issue the following Directive:

It is in the national interest that all non-essential staff stay home during this period, in accordance with the Presidential injunction of 23 March 2020 regarding Covid-19. To fulfil that objective –

- 1 The Supreme Court of Appeal shall remain open for the limited purpose of receiving due court process and adjudicating urgent matters.
- 2 The Court Director and the Registrars shall prepare and circulate a duty roster of the skeleton staff, whose attendance at work shall be strictly required for the performance of official duties during this period. The members of staff whose names do not feature in the duty roster must remain available, on standby, should the need arise to assign them duties.

This Directive shall be interpreted and given effect to align with the directives issued by the Chief Justice and any regulatory instrument issued by the designated Minister in terms of the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 for the management of courts and the administration of justice during the lockdown period.

Dated at Bloemfontein on 26 March 2020.

**MML MAYA** 

PRESIDENT: SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL