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Pursuant to the President's announcement that the national lockdown will be extended with alert levels from 1 May 2020, read with the Delegation of Authority in terms of section 8(3) of the Superior Courts Act 10, 2013; I hereby issue the following directions, for the entire lockdown period. These directions will be revised, if necessary, depending on the alert level.

1. Only urgent applications will be issued including matters relating to bail, maintenance and matters involving children.
2. Issuing of all summonses and applications is suspended except in matters where the claim would prescribe in the lockdown period.
3. Notices and pleadings including a notice of intention to defend, notice to oppose and pleas should be filed via email at RNAude@judiciary.org.za; JaDeWet@judiciary.org.za; roxannenownaude@gmail.com. Date of receipt shall be deemed to be the date on which the email was sent. Parties are encouraged to agree to extension of the *dies*.
4. Civil trials, and pre-trials set down during the lockdown period may be postponed or removed by agreement between the parties. The notice of agreement should be sent to the registrar's office at the address set out in paragraph 3 above for consideration by a Judge of this division.

5. Practitioners will be allowed to set down opposed and unopposed motions. In order to avoid congested motion court rolls opposed and unopposed motions may be set down for Thursdays and Fridays. The motion court roll will close at 12 noon on the preceding Friday.
6. All criminal matters (trials, pre-trials, and appeals), set down during this term shall continue.
7. All legal practitioners and members of the public entering a court house or court room shall be required to observe social distancing and wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) at all times i.e. gloves and masks.
8. Taxations and applications for default judgment may be filed at the registrar's office.



Judge C.J. Musi
Judge President
Free State High Court, Bfn

