



MEDIA STATEMENT

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The Gauteng Commission on Traditional Leadership Disputes and Claims (CTLDC) extends deadline for submissions

While Gauteng is a predominantly urban province; it is important that this institution is held in high regard across all communities in Gauteng. As a result of the history of our country and the continuous search for economic opportunities, Gauteng evolved into a melting pot of diverse cultures. The province attracts many people from rural, peri-urban, urban towns and cities across the country.

Over the years, many communities and leaders have approached the offices of the Premier and MEC responsible for traditional affairs requesting recognition of their communities and leadership positions in terms of Chapter 12 of the Constitution and associated legislative frameworks. The Provincial Government has listened to requests from communities who seek recognition and those wishing to dispute leadership positions. To this end, the provincial government established a Commission on Traditional Leadership Disputes and Claims on the 1st May 2022 with a 12-month term of office.

In light of the above, the Commission was launched on 22 November 2022, at the Birchwood Hotel attracting 700 potential applicants from different communities. Through subsequent engagements with potential applicants, it became clear that the application timeframe (22 November 2022 – 31 January 2023) was too short to accommodate all potential applicants. In order to ensure that the Commission aligns its work to its 12-month term of office, the commission will extend the important timeframe for applications from 31 January 2023 to 28 February 2023.

The commission would like to urge communities to make use of this opportunity to apply for recognition and submit their applications on time as no further extension will be given.

Applicants who have already submitted and wish to amend or adjust their current submissions, will be allowed to do so before the extended date of 28 February 2024.

Applicants have until 28 February 2023 to submit their claims and /or disputes to the Commission.

- ✓ Submission forms are available on the Provincial Government website
- ✓ Forms are also available for collection at the following Physical addresses:
 - 30 Simmonds Street, Jhb CBD, and
 - 11 Janadel Ave, Riverview, Midrand

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