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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002)**CLASSIFICATION OF A DISASTER IN TERMS OF SECTION 23 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO 57 OF 2002): THUNDERSTORM AND STRONG WINDS WHICH OCCURRED ON 2 JANUARY 2017 IN THE O.R. TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

I, Ane Bruwer, in my capacity as the Acting Head of the National Disaster Management Centre, after having assessed the magnitude and severity of the effects of the thunderstorm and strong winds that occurred on 2 January 2017 in the O.R. Tambo District Municipality Municipality (King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality and the Mhlontlo Local Municipality), and having considered the information and recommendations received from the Eastern Cape Provincial Disaster Management Centre, hereby give notice that the National Disaster Management Centre on 13 January 2017, in terms of Section 23(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) (the Act), classified the occurrence as a local disaster.

Emanating from this classification, in terms of Section 23(8), read with Section 54 of the Act, the primary responsibility to coordinate and manage the disaster is designated to the O.R. Tambo District Municipality.

Notwithstanding the assistance organs of state may already provide to the O.R. Tambo District Municipality in terms of Section 23(8) of the Act, due to the nature of the damage and the effects of this disaster, I hereby, in terms of Section 15(2)(aA), call upon the relevant organs of state to support the disaster management structures to ensure that immediate relief, recovery and reconstruction measures are put in place to enable the O.R. Tambo District Municipality to effectively deal with the effects of this disaster.

Also emanating from this classification and the assistance provided by organs of state in terms of Section 23(8) and Sections 15(2)(aA) of the Act, following a decision by the Council of the O.R. Tambo District Municipality to declare a local state of disaster in terms of Section 55 of the Act, the respective reports, listed in Section 24 of the Act, must be prepared and submitted to the respective organs of state as listed therein.



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ACTING HEAD: NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE

DATE: 19 January 2017