DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM

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INVITATION FOR OWNERS OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES TO MAKE WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE MINISTER TO CHANGE THE NAME OF SUCH IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH APPEARS IN ANY REGISTERED DEED ON THE GROUND THAT SUCH NAME MAY BE OFFENSIVE BECAUSE OF RACIAL CONNOTATION THEREOF.

I, Mzwanele Nyhontso, Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, acting in terms of section 93(3) of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act 47 of 1937), hereby invite the owners of immovable property to take the initiative to remove offensive names and replace it with another name by applying in writing to the Minister, on the grounds of such name being offensive because of the racial connotation thereof.

Please note that the Surveyor-Generals will correct a registered diagram and inform the Registrar of Deeds of such corrections in terms of section 36 and Regulation 23(1) of the Land Survey Act, 1997 (Act 8 of 1997), any owner of the immovable property with offensive name or name bearing offensive racial connotation is required to approach the office of the Surveyor -Generals to change such name.

Owners of immovable property are required to approach the office of the Surveyor-General within their provinces in 30 working days from the date of publication hereof, at the following addresses:

Surveyor-General: Gauteng, 610 Lilian Ngoyi street, Pretoria,0001

Surveyor-General: North West, 3139 Sekame Street, 1st floor West Gallery, Megacity, Mmabatho, 2735

Surveyor-General: Western Cape, Revenue building, Plein Street ,Cape Town., 8000.

Surveyor-General: KwaZulu-Natal, 300 Pietermaritzburg Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3200.

Surveyor-General: Free State and Northern Cape, Omni Center, 73 Aliwal Street, Bloemfontein, 9300.

Surveyor-General: Eastern Cape, 1a Waverly Office Park, 11 Phillip Frame Road, Chiselhurst, East London, 5200.

Surveyor-General: Mpumalanga, Medcen Building, 14 Henshall Street, Nelspruit, 1200.

Surveyor-General: Limpopo, 101 Dorp Street, Polokwane, 0700.

MR MZWANELE NYHONTSO
MINISTER: LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DATE: 21/10/2026