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DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002)

CLASSIFICATION OF A PROVINCIAL DISASTER IN TERMS OF SECTION 23 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): IMPACT OF SEVERE WEATHER IN THE WESTERN CAPE

I, Dr Bongani Elias Sithole, in my capacity as the Head of the National Disaster Management Centre, after having deliberations with various organs of state and the Western Cape Provincial Disaster Management Centre, and after assessing the magnitude and severity of the impact of severe weather accompanied by disruptive rains, thunderstorms, damaging strong winds and snowfall from 7 July 2024 to date, causing devastating impacts resulting in damage to property, infrastructure and the environment, as well as the disruption of basic services, and after having considered the information received from the Western Cape Provincial Disaster Management Centre, I hereby give notice that on 12 July 2024, in terms of Section 23(1)(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) (the Act), I classified this occurrence as a Provincial Disaster.

Emanating from the classification of this occurrence as a Provincial disaster, in terms of section 40 read with section 23 of the Act, the primary responsibility to coordinate and manage this disaster, in terms of existing legislation and contingency arrangements, is designated to the Provincial Executive.

I hereby, in terms of Section 15(2)(*aA*) of the Act, read with section 23(8), call upon organs of state to further strengthen support to existing structures to implement contingency arrangements and ensure that measures are put in place to enable the Provincial Executive to effectively deal with the effects of this disaster.

Furthermore, all affected organs of state must prepare and submit reports, as required by the Provincial Disaster Management Centre as outlined in section 24(4) - (8) of the Act.

The revocation of the classification is set out in the schedule hereto.

Elias Sithole

Dr Bongani Elias Sithole

Head: National Disaster Management Centre

Date: 12/07/2024

Schedule

The Provincial Executive dealt with the Provincial disaster in terms of existing legislation and contingency arrangements without declaring a Provincial state of disaster in terms of section 41(1) of the Act.	The classification is revoked by the Head: National Disaster Management Centre when the occurrence can no longer be regarded as a disaster in terms of the Act upon reassessment by the NDMC.
The Provincial Executive dealt with the Provincial disaster in terms of existing legislation and contingency arrangements as augmented by regulations and / or directions following the declaration of a Provincial state of disaster in terms of section 41(2).	The classification of a Provincial disaster is automatically revoked when the Provincial state of disaster is terminated or lapses in terms of section 41(5) of the Act.

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