## IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA

**CASE NO.: 38800/20** 

In the matter between:

HOLA BON RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION

**Applicant** 

and

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Respondent

## RESPONDENT'S PRACTICE NOTE

- 1 Date of hearing: 25 August 2020
- 2 Number allocated on the roll: 30
- 3 Counsel for the Applicant: The Applicant is unrepresented.

The Applicant's deponent is Bontshitswe Preddy Mothopeng Msieleng

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- **4 Counsel for the Respondent:** G Snyman, Tel: 072 180 7524, Email: Gina.Snyman@gmail.com
- 5 The application is opposed:
  - 5.1 The application was launched on 19 August 2020.
  - 5.2 The Respondent filed a notice of intention to oppose on 21 August 2020.
  - 5.3 The Respondent was afforded until close of business on 21 August 2020 to file an answering affidavit. This was simply not reasonable nor possible given

- the nature, substance and volume of the application, and the extensive relief sought.
- 5.4 Should this Honourable Court be minded to hear this application, it is respectfully submitted that the Respondent ought to be permitted a reasonable opportunity to file an answering affidavit.

## 6 Nature of the Application:

- 6.1 The Applicant seeks *inter alia* the review and setting aside of:
  - 6.1.1 The declaration and classification of the National State of Disaster of concerning the Covid-19 pandemic;
  - 6.1.2 The Disaster Management Regulations promulgated since 17 March 2020 in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002 pertaining to the National State of Disaster; and
- 6.2 The Applicant seeks further and various ancillary and extensive relief and structural remedies involving Parliament, the Auditor-General, and the establishment of investigatory expert panels to be overseen by this Court.

## 7 Respondent's Main Submissions:

- 7.1 The Applicant has not made out a case for urgency.
- 7.2 The Applicant has not complied with the with the Uniform Rules of Court and the Practice Directives for this division concerning urgent applications.
- 7.3 The application ought to be struck for lack of urgency.
- 7.4 The Respondent does not seek an order as to costs.
- 8 Necessity to read the papers: It is necessary for the Honourable Court to consider the Notice of Motion and Founding Affidavit. It is not necessary to read the annexures.