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Dear Mr Benjamin

**REQUEST FOR ACTION ON JUDGE FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES – JUDGE M
MATHEBULA – FREE STATE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT**

My letter dated 6 March 2025 refers.

Judge President Musi has confirmed that Judge Mathebula has been on special leave since 20 February 2023 and has not presided over any matter during this period. Furthermore, the Judge's petition to the Supreme Court of Appeal to have his prosecution stayed has been granted, with a hearing date yet to be determined. Consequently, the criminal matter has been postponed pending the outcome of the appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically transmitted this unsigned

MML Maya
Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa