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NOTICE

CONSUMER PROTECTION OFFICE

INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS COURT FREE STATE PROVINCE

1. I Ketso Moses Makume, in my capacity as the member of the Executive Council responsible for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism hereby invite nominations for membership of the Free State's Consumer Affairs Court in terms of section 14(3) of the Free State's Consumer Affairs Act, 1998 (Act No. 14 of 1998) which provides that the responsible member (MEC) shall ensure the issuance and notice of the formal publication in the Provincial Gazette and advertisement in the print media inviting interested parties to submit their nomination acceptance letters no later than 4 October 2024.
2. Section 14 (1) of the Act provides that the Court shall consists of 3 (three) or 5 (five) persons appointed by the responsible Members (the MEC) namely:-
 - i) A chairperson who shall be-
 - a) A retired Judge of the High Court or
 - b) An Attorney, Advocate, retired Magistrate or a Lecturer in Law at the University with no less than 10 (ten) years cumulative experience in one or more such capacities.
 - ii) 4 (four) additional members, having special knowledge or experience of consumer advocacy, economics, industry or commerce.
3. Section 14 (2) of the Act further prescribes that the responsible Member (the MEC) may appoint an alternative member for every member of the Consumer Affairs Court.

No persons shall be appointed or remain a member or alternative member of the Court if such a person:-

- i) Is a public servant
- ii) At the relevant time is, or during the preceding 12 (twelve) months was, an office-bearer or employee of any party movement, or organization, or body of a party political nature;
- iii) Is an un-rehabilitated insolvent
- iv) Has at any time been convicted, whether in the Republic or elsewhere, of theft, fraud, forgery or uttering a forged document, perjury, an offence under this Act or the Corruption Act, 1992 (Act No.94 of 1992), or any offence involving dishonesty; is a member of Parliament, any Provincial Legislature or Local Authority, or any Council, Commission, or House of Traditional Leaders established in terms of the Constitution; or



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- v) Has at any time been removed from an office of trust on account of misconduct or dishonorable conduct.

Members of the public are therefore requested to forward nomination with the following attachments:-

- i) Letter from the nominator stating motivation for the nomination
 - ii) A letter from the nominee accepting to serve as a member of the Court and
 - iii) A detailed Curriculum Vitae of the nominee
 - iv) Recent certified copies of the nominee's qualifications
4. Further information on the roles and responsibilities, eligibility, etc. may be obtained from **Adv. Ramokhele Pitso, Tel. 064 805 4466.**
5. Any person who wishes to submit a nomination must direct it in **writing** to **Mr. M.K MAKUME, MEC: Finance, Economic Development and Tourism** – using the below platform:

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