



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DLRRD)**

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Feedback: Realignment Task Team (RTT) Meeting – 25 September 2025

The employer presented the RTT terms of reference and indicated that the realignment of Deeds Registries has become necessary to align both provincial and municipal boundaries as outlined in the *Constitution* of Republic of South Africa and the Demarcation Board respectively. The objective is to enhance accessibility of deeds service for all citizens.

It was noted that North West Deeds Registry in Vryburg does not serve as a full provincial registry. Currently, approximately 49,796 land parcels in the North West Province are in Vryburg, while about 533,557 land parcels are handled by the North Gauteng Deeds Registry in Pretoria. This arrangement has resulted in inequitable access to service.

The employer highlighted that since 2008, there have been efforts to relocate the North West Deeds Registry from Vryburg to Mahikeng (Mmabatho), given Mahikeng's position as the capital of the province and its central accessibility to the broader population. The rationale has consistently been to improve accessibility, bring services closer to the people, and align with the constitutional demarcation. The business case for this realignment was approved by the Director-General on 22 June 2015. Programme governance structures were subsequently put in place.

Following a court order and settlement agreement on 31 January 2024 between Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural, Development (DALRRD) and the concerned residents of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District, and considering the Internal review panel's recommendations, the Minister approved the establishment of North West deeds registry in Mahikeng on 26 March 2024. This approval also provided for the amendment of jurisdictional areas of the North West (Vryburg), North Gauteng (Pretoria), and South Gauteng (Johannesburg) Registries under section 1 (1) of the *Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act No. 47 of 1937)*

Purpose of the realignment task team

The realignment task teams have been established to:

- Oversee the relocation of North West Deeds Registry from Vryburg to Mahikeng.
- Oversee the implementation of approved amendments to the jurisdictional boundaries of North West, North Gauteng, and South Gauteng Deeds Registries.
- Provide governance, coordination, and oversight to ensure that realignment programme complies with constitutional, legislative, and administrative requirements.

Organised labour noted the employer's presentation and requested time to obtain inputs and a mandated from their members and principals before endorsing the terms of reference. As part of consultation process, members are encouraged to peruse the *attached* presentation, and send their inputs by no later than **08 October 2025** to the PSA representatives Thomas.Ngoveni@dalrrd.gov.za, sopeng.machaba@dlrrd.gov.za or PSA Chief Negotiators at tebogo.sono@psa.co.za gracia.rikhotso@psa.co.za

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