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Honourable Premier

RE: EXTENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL STATE OF DISASTER

I refer you to the aforementioned matter.

Kindly note that Section 41 (5) of the Disaster Management Act 2002 reads:

- “(5) A provincial state of disaster that has been declared in terms of subsection (1)**
- (a) lapses three months after it has been declared:**
 - (b) may be terminated by the Premier by notice in the provincial gazette before it lapses in terms of paragraph (a); and**
 - (c) may be extended by the Premier by notice in the provincial gazette for one month at a time before it lapses in terms of paragraph (a) or the existing extension is due to expire.”**

Given the fact that the province is still grappling with this debilitating drought, I am sure you agree that we have no choice but to extend the provincial state of disaster, as declared on the 29th of October 2019.

Since I do not know whether the MEC for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Hon. Meth, has sensitized you to the fact that the provincial state of disaster will expire on the 29th of January 2020, I felt it would be expedient to advise you accordingly.

Kindly note, however, that should you fail to extend the Provincial State of Disaster timeously, the province could face a situation wherein it is entirely precluded from receiving the much needed drought aid assistance from national government that we applied for last year.

I trust this correspondence will be received favourably.

Sincerely,

Retief Odendaal, MPL