

The Significance of pre-lodgement and technical lodgement at the Surveyor General Office: Kwa-Zulu Natal

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SUMMARY

The Department of Land Reform and Rural Development comprises of several branches working in their different components to fulfill the departments mandate. Within the branch National Geomatics Management Services (NGMS) there is the Chief Surveyor General, Chief Directorate – NGI and the Surveyor – Generals Offices. The Surveyor General Offices are established through the Land Survey Act.

Since the opening of the SGO's in the country in 1829, these offices have been using manual lodgments. These manual lodgments used to require several papers to be submitted using post or through hand delivery. These manual lodgments required internal processing of the cadastral documents which was seen as time consuming.

This paper aims to delve deeper particularly on the purpose of PRE-LODGEEMENT and TECHNICAL LODGEMENTS in the SGO-KZN for sharing information about the operations of the SGO-KZN. It will outline why the SGO-KZN decided on having such a process. It will further unpack how this process benefits the SGO-KZN, the professional land surveyors lodging work at the SGO-KZN; the clients of the SGO- KZN and all stakeholders that form part of the Land Administration and land Information in Kwa-Zulu Natal.

The SGO-KZN forms a big part in the hierarchy of land registration at the Deeds office in Kwa-Zulu Natal. The SGO aims at making sure that service towards the main clients, being the land surveyors and citizens is proficient, while not neglecting the importance of all the stakeholders that are part of the land development process. Over the years, the invent of technology introduced the notion of digital lodgments. This became a compelling need during the covid-19 pandemic era. The SGO's started accepting digital lodgments from then till present. We will look at the advancement

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that comes with pre- lodgement and technical Lodgement at the SGO-KZN and how they are moving with the times by having electronic lodgement of cadastral survey information and how that efficiency is beneficial for the approval of cadastral documents.

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