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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NATIONAL RESULTS OPERATION CENTRE

30 April 2019

Tshwane – The National Results Operation Centre for the 2019 National and Provincial Elections Leaders was officially opened today.

Commonly known as the “ROC”, the centre brings together all key stakeholders in the elections under one roof to oversee the collation and finalization of the election results and has been a feature of South Africa’s elections for the past 20 years. This is the 9th activation of the ROC.

The centre houses members of the Commission along with key operational areas of the Electoral Commission, representatives of the 48 political parties contesting the national elections, domestic and international observer missions, and members of the media.

The national centre is complemented by nine provincial Results Operation Centres from where the provincial election results will be monitored.

Over 700 journalists have applied for accreditation for the national ROC with a further 700 accredited for the provincial ROCs.

The national centre will also house the SABC radio and television news operations for elections along with ENCA and newcomer Newzroom Africa.

The national centre covers more than 12 000 sqm of space with over 450 computers, 20km of cabling and three giant screens which will project the results for the national and each provincial election as they are captured.

The national ROC contains an exhibition reflecting 25 years of democracy featuring memorabilia from the past five national elections.

Speaking at the launch today Chairperson of the Electoral Commission Mr Glen Mashinini said the ROC was an embodiment of the electoral architecture to ensure inclusivity, transparency and credibility.

“This is the place where once every few years our electoral democracy comes to life before our eyes,” he said.

Mr Mashinini issued a clarion call to all registered voters to come out in their millions on Election Day next week to cast their ballots.

He also appealed to organisers and participants in on-going civil demonstrations to allow all election activities including campaigning and voting to proceed unhindered.

“Disrupting the elections and preventing fellow citizens from exercising their Constitutional right to vote – a right many of our people fought and died for – cannot be allowed in a democratic country.”

The national and provincial ROCs will remain open until the announcement of results of the elections, scheduled for Saturday 11 May 2019 at the national ROC.

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