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CERTIFICATE OF NO IMPEDIMENT

To whom it may concern at the South African Department of Home Affairs

Thank you for your enquiry relating to your proposed marriage in South Africa and whether we can provide a Certificate of No Impediment.

Consular Officers in Commonwealth countries have no general powers, under the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889, to issue Certificates of No Impediment, certify documents, take oaths, affidavits, etc., which will be effectual in the United Kingdom. As South Africa is a member of the Commonwealth, the British High Commission in Pretoria is not in a position to issue such certificates.

The Department of Home Affairs have confirmed to us that you should instead show your British passport and provide a copy of this letter and a sworn affidavit stating that you are not married, and that there is no legal impediment to your intended marriage.

We are sorry we cannot be of more assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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