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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION  
ISSUE PAPER 34 ON REVIEW OF ASPECTS OF MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY LAW  
PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMENT**

The South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) hereby releases its Issue Paper 34 on the review of aspects of matrimonial property law. The aim of the paper is to serve as a basis for the Commission's deliberations. Its main purpose is to establish the extent of the review necessary.

The Matrimonial Property Act 88 of 1984 was passed in order to address certain shortcomings in the matrimonial property law at the time. The Act has been in place for more than 30 years. Apart from certain ad hoc issues, which have been brought to the attention of the Commission, a number of social and legal changes since 1984 suggest that a review of the law with regard to matrimonial property is necessary to ensure that it meets current needs.

The SALRC invites comments on the issue paper, which will be considered in order to draft a discussion paper. The discussion paper will contain the SALRC's preliminary findings and will be published in order to test public opinion on the preliminary findings (and draft legislation, if necessary), before a report with final recommendations is developed for submission to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development.

**The closing date for comments is 16 November 2018.** All comments and representations must be sent for the attention of Ms P Padayachee to the following address:

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Issue Paper 34 is available on the Internet at the following site:

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Issue Paper 34 can also be obtained free of charge from the SALRC on request. Kindly contact Mr Jacob Kabini at [Jakabini@justice.gov.za](mailto:Jakabini@justice.gov.za) or (012) 622 6346 in this regard.

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