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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 4567 **27 March 2024**

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED DOCUMENTS WHICH REPRESENT THE METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING THE FINANCIAL PROVISION REQUIRED TO BE SET ASIDE FOR RECONNAISSANCE, PROSPECTING, EXPLORATION AND MINING OF LOW-RISK COMMODITIES AS IDENTIFIED IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCIAL PROVISIONING REGULATIONS, 2015 PUBLISHED UNDER GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 2272 IN GOVERNMENT *GAZETTE* NO. 47112 ON 11 JULY 2022

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, in terms of section 44(1)(aE), (aF), (aG) and (aH), read with sections 24(5)(b)(ix), 24(5)(d), 24N, 24P, 24PA and 24R of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), consult on the documents which represent the methodology for determining the financial provision, required to be set aside for the rehabilitation and management of environmental impacts associated with final closure and post-closure of reconnaissance, prospecting, exploration and mining operations for low-risk commodities as identified in the proposed amendments to the Financial Provisioning Regulations, 2015 published under Government Notice No. 2272 in Government *Gazette* No. 47112 on 11 July 2022, with the addition of prospecting operations which include the removal and disposal of minerals and mining rights.

The documents are entitled "Rehabilitation Plan Template for Operations Mining Low-Risk Commodities" and "Financial Provisioning Determination Spreadsheet and Master Rates". The Rehabilitation Plan for Low-Risk Commodities Template consists of 22 pages and the Financial Provisioning Determination Spreadsheet and Master Rates, consists of 6 sheets. The documents can be found at https://www.dffe.gov.za/projectprogrammes/environmental_management_instruments and the Government Notice can be downloaded from the Department's website at https://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices. Hard copies of the documents can be requested from Ms M Masondo at +27 12 399 9277/9280; email mmasondo@dffe.gov.za or collected from the Department's office.

The documents have been prepared to reduce the complexity of determining the financial provision to be set aside for the reconnaissance, prospecting, exploration and mining operations which meet the criteria of being low risk operations as identified on the first sheet of the Financial Provisioning Determination Spreadsheet and Master Rates.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or input, within 30 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in the Government *Gazette*, or the publication of the newspaper notice, whichever occurs last, to any of the following addresses:

By post to: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

The Director-General
Attention: Dr Dee Fischer
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By hand at: Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria.
By e-mail: dfischer@dffe.gov.za

Any inquiries in connection with the Notice can be directed to Dr Dee Fischer by phone at 012 399 8843 or by mail at dfischer@dffe.gov.za.

Comments or input received after the closing date may not be considered.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto are collated into a comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/ organisation, being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted in response to this Government Notice.



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