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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. R. 6158 **25 April 2025**

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 39 OF 2004)

AMENDMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DECLARED VAAL TRIANGLE AIR-SHED PRIORITY AREA TO INCLUDE THE WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY AND THE REMAINING AREA OF THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY IN TERMS OF SECTION 18(1) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 39 OF 2004)

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby publish a notice of my intention to amend and expand the boundaries of the declared Vaal Triangle Air-Shed Priority Area to include the West Rand District Municipality and the remaining area of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, in terms of section 18(1) read with sections 56 and 57 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004).

The Vaal Triangle Air-Shed Priority Area was declared by notice in the Government *Gazette* (Notice No. 365, Government *Gazette* No. 28732 of 21 April 2006). The areas identified for expansion are categorised in the National Framework for Air Quality Management in the Republic of South Africa (Government Notice No, 1144 Government *Gazette* No. 41996 of October 2018) as areas of concern due to poor air quality, especially elevated levels of particulate matter. A description of the existing and proposed extended boundaries of the Vaal Triangle Air-Shed Priority Area is set out in the Schedule attached hereto.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments within **30 days** from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government *Gazette*, or in newspapers, whichever date is the later date, to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Attention: Mr. Stanford Mofore
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By hand at: Ground floor (Reception); Environment House 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, 0083

By e-mail: Mr. Stanford Mofore: smofore@dffe.gov.za

Copies of the notice can be accessed on the Department and the South African Air Quality Information System websites:

https://www.environment.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices; https://saaqis.environment.gov.za.

For any enquiries in connection with the notice, kindly contact Mr Stanford Mofore at 012 399 9000/ cell: 071 607 2103 or by e-mail: smofore@dfffe.gov.za

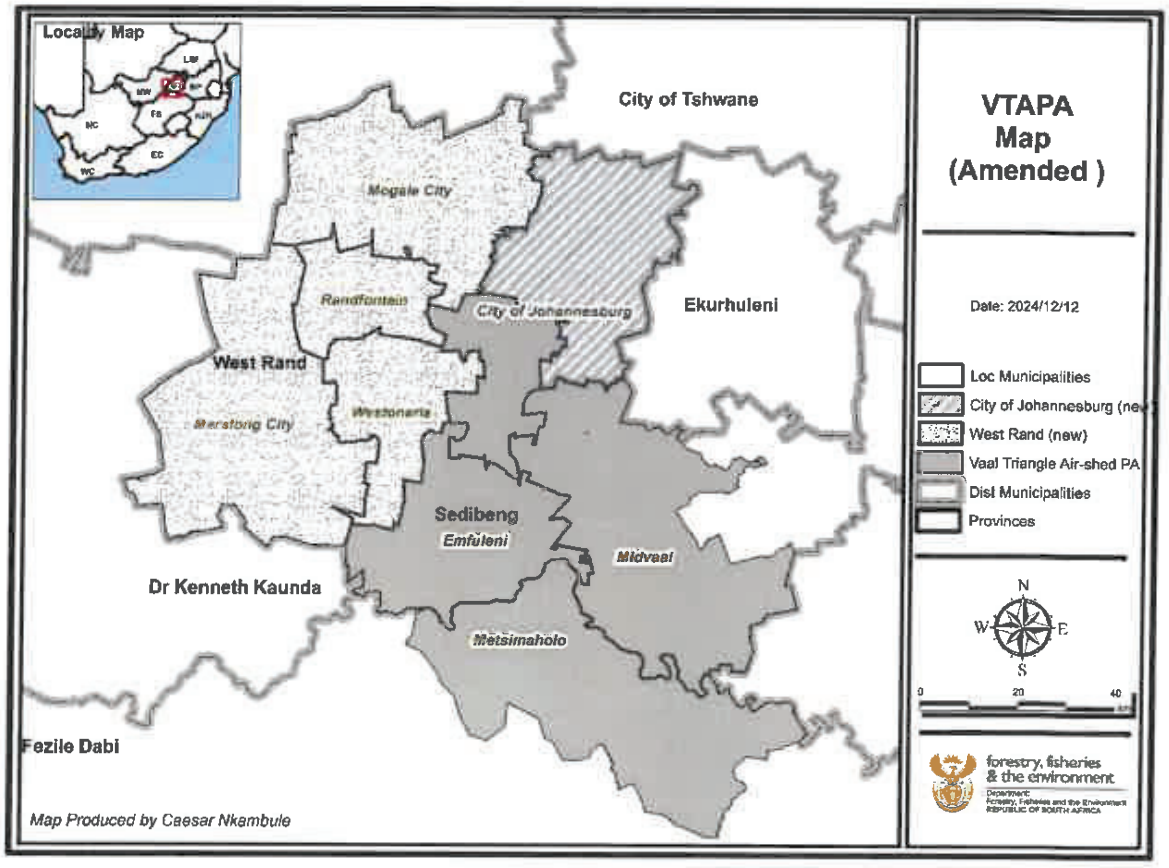
Comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.

DR D T GEORGE
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

The priority area to be known as the Vaal Triangle Air-Shed Priority Area includes the areas illustrated on the map below:

(1) Free State Province
  a. Fezile Dabi District Municipality
    i. Metsimaholo Local Municipality
(2) Gauteng Province
  a. Sedibeng District Municipality
    i. Emfuleni Local Municipality and
    ii. Midvaal Local Municipality
  b. City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality
    i. All administrative regions
  c. West Rand District Municipality
    i. Mogale City Local Municipality
    ii. Merafong City Local Municipality
    iii. Rand West City Local Municipality



Map of the for Vaal Triangle Air-Shed Priority Area amended boundaries

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