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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 6573 **3 September 2025**

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

CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO EXTEND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS THE SINGLE REGISTRATION AUTHORITY IN TERMS OF SECTION 24H(3), READ WITH SECTION 24H(6), OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), UNTIL A DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT *GAZETTE*

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby consult on my intention to extend the appointment of the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa, as the single registration authority, in terms of section 24H(3), read with section 24H(6), of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), until a date to be determined by Notice in the Government *Gazette*.

The Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA) was appointed as the single registration authority for a period of five years, with effect from 8 February 2018 until 7 February 2023, whereafter the period of appointment was extended until 7 February 2024, and thereafter until 7 February 2026. I intend to further extend the appointment until a date to be determined by Notice in the Government *Gazette*, to enable me to adequately consider what the most sustainable way forward would be for the long-term registration and regulation of environmental assessment practitioners and to undertake the required law reform processes.

Additional information on the EAPASA, the work they have conducted to date, and supporting information may be accessed at www.eapasa.org.

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 notice in the newspaper, whichever occurs last, to any of the following addresses:

By post to: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
The Director-General
Attention: Ms Sindiswa Dlomo
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By e-mail: SDlomo@dffe.gov.za.

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Comments or input received after the closing date may be disregarded.

DR DION TRAVERS GEORGE
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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