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GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

NO. 7008 **21 January 2026**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE DECLARATION THAT PROHIBITS CERTAIN MINING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SUTHERLAND CENTRAL ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREA IN TERMS OF THE ASTRONOMY GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE ACT, 2007.

I, Prof Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, in terms of Section 50 of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007 (Act No. 21 of 2007), hereby give notice of my intention to amend the Declaration that prohibits certain mining activities within the Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area (SCAAA).

In terms of the SCAAA Regulations, published in Government Gazette No. 42492, under Notice No. 806, on 29 May 2019, certain mining activities are prohibited within the SCAAA as detailed below:

(a) Open cast mining and mining dumps at ground level; and
(b) Hydraulic fracturing (or fracking).

The proposed amendment will extent the prohibition to include exploration and prospecting activities within the SCAAA.

In accordance with Section 51(2) of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007, interested and affected parties are invited to submit written representations, within 60 (sixty) calendar days from the date of the publication of this Notice.

Written representations and any enquiries regarding this notice, may be addressed to Ms. Tebogo Mashile at 066 479 3376 or email Tebogo.Mashile@dsti.gov.za.



PROF B E NZIMANDE, MP
MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

DEPARTEMENT VAN WETENSKAP EN INNOVASIE

NO. 7008 **21 Januarie 2026**

KENNISGEWING VAN VOORNEME OM DIE VERKLARING WAT SEKERE MYNBOU AKTIWITEITE BINNE DIE SUTHERLAND SENTRALE ASTRONOMIEVOORDEELGEBIED VERBIED, KRAGTENS DIE WET OP GEOGRAFIESE ASTRONOMIEVOORDEEL, 2007, TE WYSIG

Ek, Prof Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister van Wetenskap, Tegnologie en Innovasie, gee hiermee kennis van my voorneme om die Verklaring wat sekere mynbou aktiwiteite binne die Sutherland Sentrale Astronomievoordeelgebied (SSAVG) verbied, kragtens Artikel 50 van die Wet op Geografiese Voordeel vir Sterrekunde, 2007 (Wet no. 21 van 2007), te wysig.

In oorstemming met die SSAVG Regulasies, soos gepubliseer in Staatskoerant Nr. 42492, Kennisgewing Nr. 806 van 29 Mei 2019, word sekere mynbouaktiwiteite binne die SSAVG verbied soos hieronder uiteengesit:

(a) Oopgroefmynbou en mynhope op grondvlak; en
(b) Hidrouliese breking ("fracking").

Die voorgestelde wysiging sal die verbod uitbrei om ook eksplorasie- en prospekteeraktiwiteite binne die SSAVG in te sluit.

In ooreenstemming met Artikel 51(2) van die Wet op Geografiese Voordeel vir Sterrekunde, 2007, word belanghebbende en ander geraakte partye hiermee uitgenooiom geskrewe voorleggings in te dien binne 60 (sestig) kalenderdae vanaf die publikasiedatum van hierdie kennisgewing.

Geskrewe voorleggings en enige navrae rakende hierdie kennisgewing kan gerig word aan Me. Tebogo Mashile op 066 479 3376 of per epos na Tebogo.Mashile@dsti.gov.za.



PROF B E NZIMANDE, LP

MINISTER VAN WETENSKAP, TEGNOLOGIE EN INNOVASIE

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