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DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE NEED TO BE SANAS ACCREDITED AS AN INDEPENDENT ASSESOR TO VERIFY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

I, Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby, in terms of section 47C of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), **authorise a three-year** grace period for the SANAS accreditation of independent assessors as required by the Technical Guidelines for the Validation and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG Verification Guidelines), published under Government Notice No. 1496, in Government *Gazette* No. 45452, on 12 November 2021, in terms of section 12 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004). Phase 2 of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Verification Programme will start in **January 2030.**

I further call for companies that meet the competence criteria, as set out in section 4 of the GHG Verification Guidelines, to submit applications for eligibility as independent assessors for Phase 1 of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Verification Programme. The applications must be submitted within 60 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in the Gazette, or in the newspaper, whichever date is the last date, to any of the following addresses:

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