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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

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THE AMENDED 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) ("the Act"), hereby promulgate this declaration to replace the Declaration published in Government Gazette No. 42492, under Notice No. 806, on 29 May 2019 which prohibited certain mining activities in the Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area (SCAAA) .

In terms of this Declaration and in accordance with section 23 of the Act, I hereby declare that certain mining activities are prohibited within the SCAAA as detailed below:

(a) Open-cast mining and mining dumps at ground level;
(b) Hydraulic fracturing (or frącking);
(c) All Exploration; and
(d) All Prospecting activities.

Any enquiries regarding this notice may be addressed to Ms. Tebogo Mashile at 066 479 3376 or email Tebogo.Mashile@dsti.gov.za.



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MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

DEPARTEMENT VAN WETENSKAP, TEGNOLOGIE EN INNOVASIE

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DIE GEWYSIGDE VERKLARING WAT SEKERE MYNBOUAKTIWITEITE BINNE DIE SUTHERLAND SENTRALE ASTRONOMIEVOORDEELGEBIED VERBIED, KRAGTENS DIE WET OP GEOGRAFIESE ASTRONOMIEVOORDEEL, 2007.

Ek, Prof Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister van Wetenskap, Tegnologie en Innovasie, vaardig hiermee, kragtens Artikel 50 van die Wet op Geografiese Astronomievoordeel, 2007 (Wet No. 21 van 2007) ("die Wet"), hierdie verklaring uit ter vervanging van die Verklaring gepubliseer in Staatskoerant No. 42492, onder Kennisgewing No. 806, op 29 Mei 2019, wat sekere mynbouaktiwiteite in die Sutherland Sentrale Astronomievoordeelgebied (SSAVG) verbied het.

Ingevolge hierdie Verklaring en in ooreenstemming met Artikel 23 van die Wet, verklaar ek hiermee dat sekere mynbouaktiwiteite binne die SSAVG verbied word, soos hieronder uiteengesit:

(a) Oopgroefmynbou en mynhope op grondvlak;
(b) Hidroliese breking ("fracking");
(c) Alle eksplorasie; en
(d) Alle prospekteringsaktiwiteite.

Enige navrae rakende hierdie kennisgewing kan aan Me. Tebogo Mashile gerig word by 066 479 3376 of per e-pos na Tebogo.Mashile@dsti.gov.za.



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