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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY FORUM IN TERMS OF SECTION 3A OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) TO ADVISE THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARDS AND THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION LICENCES**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby give notice of my intention to establish a National Environmental Consultative and Advisory Forum (the Forum) under section 3A of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). The Forum will advise on matters arising from applications for the suspension or postponement of compliance with the minimum emission standards (MES), which were published in terms of section 21 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004), and applications for the issuance of Provisional Atmospheric Emission Licences (PAELs).

The purpose of the Forum will be to conduct an extensive consultative process with key interested and affected parties to assess and present all significant relevant research and analysis in a public forum for review and interrogation, and to report to the Minister on the outcome. The report will provide the Minister with practical options to resolve the issues arising in respect of non-compliance with the MES and applications for issuance of PAELs, taking into consideration Minister's constitutional and legislative mandate and the country's international commitments, health and wellbeing of people, the energy crisis and the local economic climate.

The Forum shall consist of a maximum of six experts appointed by the Minister, with qualifications in and an extensive knowledge with respect to air quality, human health, economics, engineering, energy and environmental management.

The following fields of speciality and qualifications are required for members to serve on the committee.

1. HEALTH PRACTITIONER

A Minimum of a Master's degree in Health related studies. A minimum of 7 years' experience in air quality health impact assessments. Knowledge and experience in carrying out health impact investigations and studies in relation to the air pollution health impacts.