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PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR: DISTRICTS OF CLANWILLIAM, PIKETBERG, CERES, TULBAGH, WORCESTER, CALEDON, PAARL, STELLENBOSCH, STRAND AND SOMERSET WEST

I, Nobubele Julian Ngele, in my capacity as Acting Director General of the Department of Water Affairs, hereby declare, in terms of section 25(1) of the Forest Act, 1984 (Act No. 122 of 1984), that in my opinion –

State forests or private forests in the area the boundaries of which are indicated in the Schedule hereto, are subject to extraordinary fire hazards and direct that in the said area no person shall from 1 November 2009 up to and including 30 April 2010 make a fire in the open air or, if such a fire has been made, allow it to continue to burn or add fuel thereto, otherwise than -

- (a) fires made within a demarcated picnic or camping area or caravan park or holiday resort, but only at places within such a demarcated area as have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose, provided that such fires are properly attended to; and
- (b) fires made for the purpose of preparing food or for any other domestic or customary purpose on residential stands in proclaimed townships or homesteads in communal areas or farms which are adequately protected against spreading and are properly attended to; and
- (c) for all other fires prior approval must be obtained from the relevant authorities, which approval shall be applied for in writing.

Ms N J Ngele

Acting Director-General: Water Affairs

Date: 5/11/09