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DRAFT SOUTH AFRICAN WATER QUALITY GUIDELINES FOR COASTAL MARINE WATERS –
VOLUME 1: NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND MARICULTURE USE

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby publish for public comment, the South African Water Quality Guidelines for Coastal Marine Waters – Volume 1: Natural Environment and Mariculture Use in terms of sections 83(1)(f)(v), (ix) and (xiii) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008).

The document can be obtained by email and download from the Department's website, and a hard-copy accessed at the Department's offices. The details are provided below.

The primary purpose of the draft guidelines is to set the baseline standards of quality for different marine environments. The draft guidelines will replace the standards set in the older guidelines previously developed by the then national Department of Water Affairs and Forestry where a set of four Water Quality Guidelines were developed in 1992, and updated in 1995, which were aimed at managing coastal and marine water quality for designated uses.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments on the draft guidelines to the Minister within 30 (thirty) days of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette* or the newspaper, whichever date is last. Comments received after the closing date may not be considered. All comments must be submitted in writing by the following means:

Hand-deliver: The Deputy Director-General: Oceans and Coasts, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, **Attention: Ms. N Tonjeni**, No. 2 East Pier Building, East Pier Road, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town

By Post: The Deputy Director-General: Oceans and Coasts, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environmental, **Attention: Ms. N Tonjeni**, P.O. Box 52126, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town, 8002

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A copy of the draft South African Water Quality Guidelines for Coastal Marine Waters – Volume 1: Natural Environment and Mariculture Use can be downloaded from the Department's website: www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices or can be obtained electronically upon request by email to wqg@dffe.gov.za and a hard-copy can be accessed at the Department's offices at **220 East Pier Road, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Dallas Creecy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BARBARA DALLAS CREECY
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT