

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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**MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002**

**[ACT NO 28 OF 2002]**

**PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF PROSPECTING OR MINING IN TERMS OF  
SECTION 49[1] OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 [ACT NO 28 OF 2002]**

I, **SAMSON GWEDE MANTASHE**, in my capacity as the Minister of Mineral Resources acting in terms of section 49[1] of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 [Act No 28 of 2002], having regard for the social and political climate at Xolobeni and reflecting on the significant social disintegration and highly volatile nature of the current situation in the area, hereby make my intention known to:

- I. Firstly, declare a 24-month Moratorium on the Transworld Energy and Mineral Resources SA (Pty) Ltd.'s (TEM) application and the lodging of any further prospecting or mining applications in the area. The Moratorium is relevant to the TEM application and the prohibition of any further lodging or processing of any mining or prospecting applications on the approved mine area for the next 24 months, or until the Minister is satisfied that the community conflict and unrest has been resolved and that the application can continue, and

- II. Secondly, that no further applications for prospecting or mining authorizations will be accepted on the following mining areas until such time as the Moratorium is lifted:

*On an area of State land situated in the Xolobeni area, known as mining blocks Mpahlane, Mnyameni, Kwanyana, Sikombe and Mtentu, within the Magisterial District of Bizana in the Eastern Cape Province.*

Relevant stakeholders are hereby invited to submit their presentations in writing, within 21 days from the date of publication of this Government Notice, to:

The Regional Manager  
Eastern Cape Regional Office  
Private Bag X 6076  
Port Elizabeth  
6001  
Tel. No.: 041 403 6636  
Fax. No.: 041 484 1963

The owners, occupiers or persons in control of the relevant land are also called upon to furnish the Department of Mineral Resources with their particulars at the abovementioned address.



**MR SAMSON GWEDE MANTASHE**  
**MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

**DATE:**

*15/06/2018*