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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

CONSULTATION ON INTENTION TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby, under sections 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) consult on my intention to make the amendment set out in the Schedule.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or inputs to the Minister, within 30 days of publication of this Notice in the Gazette, to the following addresses:

By post to:

The Director-General:

Department of Environmental Affairs

Attention: Dr D Fischer Private Bag X447 PRETORIA

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By hand at:

Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

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Any enquiries in connection with the Notice can be directed to (012) 399 8843.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

BARBARA DALLAS CREECY

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned to it, and unless the context otherwise indicates—

"the Regulations" means the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, published under Government Notice No. 982 in *Gazette* No. 3822 of 4 December 2014, as amended by Government Notice 326 in *Gazette* No. 40772 of 7 April 2017 and Government Notice No. 706 in *Gazette* No.41766 of 13 July 2018.

Amendment of regulation 54A

2. Regulation 54A of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution, in subregulations (2) and (3), for the words "no later than 7 December 2019 and at least every 5 years thereafter for the period during which such environmental authorisation is still in effect" of the words "by a date to be published by Notice in the Government *Gazette*."