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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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

EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR REPORTING ON IDENTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES WHEN APPLYING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby extend the comment period on the protocols for the assessment of environmental impacts and minimum report content requirements for environmental themes for activities requiring environmental authorisation, as published under Government Notice No. 9 in Government Gazette No. 42946 on 10 January 2020, until the 24 March 2020.

In addition, this Notice provides the URL for the Species Environmental Assessment Best Practice Guideline referred to in the protocols published under Government Notice No. 9 in Government Gazette No. 42946 on 10 January 2020 and corrects the URLs for accessing the South African National Red List for animal and plant species as follows:

- The Species Environmental Assessment Best Practice Guideline will be available at http:// bgis.sanbi.org/ as from the 24 February 2020;
- The URL for the South African National Red List for animal species is changed from <a href="http://bgis.speciesstatus.sanbi.org/">http://speciesstatus.sanbi.org/</a> and
- The URL for the South African National Red List for plant species is changed from <a href="http://bgis.speciesstatus.sanbi.org/">http://bgis.speciesstatus.sanbi.org/</a> to <a href="http://redlist.sanbi.org/">http://redlist.sanbi.org/</a>.

Members of the public are therefore invited to submit written comments or inputs on the protocols published under Government Notice No. 9 in Government Gazette No. 42946 on 10 January 2020, no later than 24 March 2020, to any of 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

By e-mail: <u>DFischer@environment.gov.za</u>

Any inquiries in connection with the Government Notice can be directed to Dr Dee Fischer, (012) 399 9315.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

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