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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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

CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO EXTEND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS THE SINGLE REGISTRATION AUTHORITY IN TERMS OF SECTION 24H(3) READ WITH 24H(6) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998, FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby consult on my intention to extend the appointment of the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa in terms of section 24H(3), read with section 24H(6), of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) for a period of 12 months.

The Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa was appointed as the single registration authority for a period of five years, with effect from 8 February 2018 until 7 February 2023. The intention is to extend the appointment until 7 February 2024 to enable me to adequately consider what the most sustainable way forward for the long-term regulation of environmental assessment practitioners would be.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or inputs, within 40 days after the publication of this Notice in the *Gazette*, to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Attention: Alvan Gabriel Private Bag X447 PRETORIA

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By hand at: Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria.

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Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Alvan Gabriel at agabriel@dffe.gov.za or 066 081 9554. Comments or inputs received after the closing date may be disregarded.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto are collated into a comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/ organisation, being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted in response to this Government Notice.

BARBARA DALLAS CREECY

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT