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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

NO. 2797

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INTENTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF BLOEM WATER TO THE PROPOSED CENTRAL WATER BOARD OR Z.R MAHABANE CENTRAL WATER BOARD

I, Mr Senzo Mchunu, in my capacity as Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby, in terms of section 28 of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997), propose the following:

- a) Change the name of Bloem Water to Central Water Board or Z.R Mahabane Central Water Board in terms of Section 28 (1)(b) of the Water Services Act.
- b) Gazette the name change of the geographic area of Bloem Water so that the former Sedibeng Water's service area in the Northern Cape is incorporated and called "Central Water Board" or "Z.R Mahabane Central Water Board".
- c) That the name change will be done in terms of section 28 (1) (a) (b) (c) and (d) of the Water Services Act, 1997 which states that: "***The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, establish a water board; give it a name or approve a change of its name; determine or change its service area or disestablish it.***"

I give the reasons for the change of name as follows:

The Department has reviewed the Water Boards in terms of financial sustainability, servicing areas that are not currently serviced and institutional confusion caused by having multiple Water Boards serving the same province.

The purpose of the review of the Water Boards is to strengthen the capacity and capability of the entity in Province (leveraging on existing technical skills), improve and enhance institutional efficiencies and rationalise the number of institutions in the water sector to ensure economies of scale, maintain financial viability and enhance the ability to raise capital from the market for infrastructure projects, to enable Water Boards to better support Water Services Authorities, (WSAs), to ensure transformation and improved governance and to ensure that all geographical areas are serviced by Water Boards.

I have approved and gazetted the disestablishment of Sedibeng Water and the transfer of staff, assets and liabilities of the former Sedibeng Water in the Northern Cape Province to Bloem Water on 26 July 2022. The area of mandate of Bloem Water has been extended beyond Free State Province to include the Northern Cape Province after the disestablishment of Sedibeng Water. Hence there is a proposal to change the name from Bloem Water to Central Water Board or Z.R Mahabane Central Water Board.

All interested and affected persons are invited to comment in writing on the name change of Bloem Water to Central Water Board or Z.R Mahabane Central Water Board for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of publication of this notice. All such comments must be addressed to:

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DATE: 26/10/2022