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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICE ACT, 2001 (ACT NO. 8 OF 2001)

REGULATING COMMITTEE FOR METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES: NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SUITABLE PERSONS AS MEMBERS

In terms of section 20 of the South African Weather Services Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001), the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism must establish the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services. The members of the Committee consist of five persons appointed on a part-time basis by the Minister of whom at least three are not officials of any State department. The procedure contemplated in section 20(4) applies in relation to the appointment of members.

In terms of section 5(3) of the Act, I, Marthinus van Schalkwyk, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, hereby invite interested parties to nominate suitable persons to be appointed as members of the Regulating Committee for Meteorological Services. Nominations must be accompanied by an acceptance letter from the nominee as well as the Curriculum Vitae of the person or persons being nominated. The nomination must, at a minimum, include the following:

- The personal details, including postal and residential address and contact numbers of the nominee;
- Nominee's qualifications and/or experience; and
- Other relevant information.

Nominations must be in writing and forwarded to the Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, For Attention: Ms Gcinashe Gcanga, Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001, Fax (012) 322 4832 or email: ggcanga@deat.gov.za.

The closing date for nominations is: 29 February 2008. Late nominations may not be considered.

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Successful candidates will be appointed in their personal capacities. Appointments are made on a parttime basis for a period only of three years. Members are eligible for reappointment for another final term of three years.

Members of the committee are paid such remuneration and allowances as the Minister, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, may determine.

In terms of section 21(1) of the Act, the committee must carry out the following functions:

(a) set broad limits on prices of services and products of the Weather Service;

- (b) determine the level of user charges to be applied to the aviation and maritime industries by the Weather Services and advise the Minister on the making of regulations in this regard;
- ensure that the Weather Service does not abuse its position, but in such a manner as not to place undue restrictions on the Weather Service's commercial activities and guard against unfair competition from national and international private weather services;
- (d) promote the safe, efficient, economical and profitable operation of the Weather Service;
- (e) promote the reasonable interest and needs of clients and customers of the Weather Service;
- (f) monitor service standards and, where necessary, issue instructions for improvement; and
- (g) perform any other function assigned to it by the Minister.

Before the final appointments are made the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism may compile a shortlist of candidates and request such persons to appear before a selection panel to determine their suitability to serve on the committee.

A person holding office as a Member of Parliament or a provincial legislature or that has been removed from office in terms of section 22 of the Act, may not be considered for appointed as a member of the Committee.

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