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GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT BILL, 2012

The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform intends introducing the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Bill, 2012 ("the Bill"), in the National Assembly shortly. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to provide a framework for spatial planning and land use management in the Republic; to specify the relationship between the spatial planning and the land use management system and other kinds of planning; to provide for the inclusive, developmental, equitable, and efficient spatial planning at the different spheres of the Government; to provide a framework for the monitoring, coordination and review of the spatial planning and land use management system; to allow for policies, principles, norms and standards for spatial development planning and land use management; to address past spatial and regulatory imbalances; to promote greater consistency and uniformity in the application procedures and decision-making by authorities responsible for land use decisions and development applications; to provide for the establishment, functions and operations of Municipal Planning Tribunals; to provide for the facilitation and enforcement of land use and development measures; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform at "<http://www.ruraldevelopment.gov.za>" and the website of Parliamentary Monitoring Group at "<http://www.pmg.org.za>" and may, after introduction into Parliament, also be obtained from:

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