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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES**No. 71****3 February 2014****DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES****MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002
(ACT NO. 28 OF 2002)****RESTRICTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 49(1) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2002) ON GRANTING OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR RECONNAISSANCE PERMITS, TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PERMITS, EXPLORATION RIGHTS AND PRODUCTION RIGHTS IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 74, 76, 79 AND 83 OF THE ACT.**

Having considered presentations made in response to Notice R.932 of 16 November 2012, the Minister of Mineral Resources, having regard to the national interest and the need to promote the sustainable development of the nation's petroleum resources, hereby impose a restriction under section 49(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) ("the Act"), on the granting of applications for reconnaissance permits, technical co operation permits, exploration rights and production rights in terms of sections 74, 76, 79, and 83 of the Act. The designated areas for the restriction are depicted on the plan attached as Annexure A.

This restriction shall not be applicable to applications received and accepted before 1 February 2011, subject to the condition that such applications, if granted, shall not authorise the holder of such right to undertake hydraulic fracturing. Actual hydraulic fracturing shall only be authorised once appropriate amendments to the regulations under the Act, a draft of which was published for comment by Notice 1032 of 2013, have been promulgated.



**Ms. SUSAN SHABANGU, MP
MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

No. 72

3 February 2014

MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002**(ACT No. 28 OF 2002)****INVITATION FOR REPRESENTATIONS FROM RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS ON A PROPOSED RESTRICTION UNDER SECTION 49(1) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT 28 OF 2002) ON THE GRANTING OF RECONNAISSANCE PERMITS, TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PERMITS, EXPLORATION RIGHTS AND PRODUCTION RIGHTS IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 74, 76, 79 AND 83 OF THE ACT**

I, **SUSAN SHABANGU**, Minister of Mineral Resources, having regard to the national interest and the need to promote the sustainable development of the nation's petroleum resources hereby invite representations from relevant stakeholders on my intention to restrict the granting of all new onshore and offshore applications for reconnaissance permits, technical co-operation permits, exploration rights and production rights in terms of sections 74, 76, 79 and 83 of the Act, received from the date of publication hereof, for a period of two (2) years from the publication of such restriction.

Representations from relevant stakeholders must be submitted in writing to:

The Director-General
Attention: Mr. Joel Raphela
Department of Mineral Resources
Private Bag X59
Pretoria
0001.

Written representations may also be sent by email to Joel.Raphela@dmr.gov.za

Written representations must reach the Department by no later than 30 days from the publication hereof.


SUSAN SHABANGU, MP
MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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