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PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR AMENDMENT BILL, 2021

- Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276(1)(b) of the Rules of the National
 Assembly that the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy intends to introduce
 the National Nuclear Regulator Act Amendment Bill, 2021, (the Bill) in the National
 Assembly shortly.
- 2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.
- 3. The purpose of the Bill is to amend the National Nuclear Regulator Act, 1999 (Act No. 47 of 1999) in order to strengthen the nuclear safety regulatory framework; to substitute certain definitions and to insert new definitions that align with international best practices; to provide for the regulation of occupational exposure of air crew; regulation over the decontamination, decommissioning and closure of any of the Republic's National Defence Force facilities, equipment, machinery or scrap prior the release for civilian use and clarify the scope of the application of the Act; to provide for a centralised dose record system for occupational exposures for radiation workers; to provide for conditions applicable in the transfer of responsibility for authorised activities; to strengthen the powers of inspectors; to improve financial provisions relating to costs associated with safe rehabilitation or decommissioning of nuclear facilities; to introduce provisions for non-criminal sanctions in cases of non-compliance with the Act and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

4. A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy at http://www.dmre.gov.za and that of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at http://www.pmg.org.za.

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