

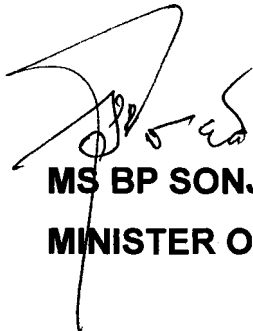
**DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY
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**MINES AND WORKS ACT, 1956 (ACT No. 27 OF 1956)
DECLARATION OF WORK IN NATIONAL INTEREST**

Under Section 9(1)(f) of the Mines and Works Act, 1956 (Act No. 27 of 1956), I Ms Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Minerals and Energy, hereby declare that in my opinion the performance of mining operations on Sundays at the mine known as Optimum Colliery in the district of Middelburg, Province of Mpumalanga, is necessary in the national interest for a period of 3 years from 30 November 2007.



MS BP SONJICA

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY