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PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK-BURNS**MOPANI AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES
(FORMERLY LETABA AND PIETERSBURG DISTRICTS)**

I, Pam Yako, in my capacity as the Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs and Forest, hereby declare in terms of section 25 (1), (2) and (3) of the Forest Act, 1984 (Act No. 122 of 1984) that in my opinion State Forest in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedule B hereto are subject to extraordinary fire hazards, I therefore-

- 1) direct that in the said areas, no person shall from 1 August 2008 up to and including 31 October 2008 make fire in the open air, or if such a fire has been made, allow it to burn or add fuel thereto, otherwise than-
 - a) fires made within a demarcated picnic or camping area or Caravan Park, or holiday resorts, but only at places within such an area which have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose: Provide that such fires are properly extinguished with water and/or sand;
 - b) fires for the preparations of food on residential stands;
 - c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
 - d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields: Provided that such fires may be made from 15h00 to 24h00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14h00 for the fire region, as determined by the Letaba Fire Protection Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulations 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area;
 - e) Fires made for initiation school purposes, but only at places, which have been specially prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- 2) Hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from 1 May 2008 up to and including 31 October 2008 destroy by burning slash originating from any pine timber plantation or any self-sown pine trees;
- 3) Hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from 1 August 2008 up to and including 31 October 2008, clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: Provided that veld for range land management may be burnt from 15h00 to 24h00 only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at 14h00 for the fire region, as determined by Letaba Fire Protection Association, is less than 45, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulations 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area.

**PAM YAKO
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

Date: 14-05-08

SCHEDULE B – MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN
MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE
FOR 2008**

Beginning at the northern corner of the farm Wagendrift 383LT, on the Koedoes River, then heading south-west along the Koedoes River so as to include the following farms: Wagendrift 383LT, Donkerval 405LT, Boschhoek 415LT, Bloemfontein 414LT, Vaalkrans 413LT, Deelkraal 412LT, and Ramatoeslas Kloof 411LT, then the following boundaries of the following farms so as to include them: Welgevonden 886LS, Lang en Smal 887LS, Paardedrift 890LS, Escatre 907LS, Sterkloop 929LS, Zaagkuil 928LS, now heading south, Mpome 949LS, Tomaszom 950LS, Suikerboschkopje 925LS Verbrandehoek 983 LS, Voetpad 1012LS, Tafelklip 1034LS, Driekuil 1036LS, Goodhope 1072LS, Brighton 1079LS, Kromdaai 1067LS, Annes Fortune 1068LS, Annes Annex 206KS, Paardevlei 201KS, 214KS, Helen 219KS, Rheeboekvlei 213KS, now heading north east, 310KS, Ashmole Dales 211KS, Klipdraai 3KT, Ceylon 4KT, Aden 1KT, Georges Vailey 632LT, Wolkberg 634LT, Forest Reserve 8KT, Graighead 643LT, Coombe Bank 649LT, Murle Brook 651LT, Vulivha 607LT, Masimu 571LT, Sivurahli 560LT, to the point where the Letaba River crosses the eastern boundary of the last mentioned property; then along the Great Letaba River so as to include the following farms: Beaconsfield 530LT, and the western portion of the farm Letabasdrift 526LT, then at the intersection of the Great Letaba River and P181/1 tar road heading north along the P181/1 so that the sections of the following farms west of the road are included: Gladstone 527LT, Tarentaal 524LT, Welverwatch 510LT, Uitsoek 509LT, Duplex 467LT, to the northern boundary of Deerpark 459LT, now north westerly along the farm boundaries, so as to include the following farms: Strangers Rest 431LT, Schoongeleen 432LT, Mooiplaats 434LT, Spitsstrand 422LT, Witkrans 421LT, Kransfontein 430LT, and ending at the northern corner of Wagendrift 383LT.