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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW THE DECLARATION OF THE HARTEBEESTHOEK RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY (HartRAO) AS A NATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITY IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION ACT, 1998**

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology, hereby give notice of my intention to withdraw the declaration of the Hartebeesthoek Radio Astronomy Observatory (HartRAO) as a national research facility under the National Research Foundation (NRF).

HartRAO currently exists as a declared National Research Facility under the NRF Act, responsible for radio astronomy research and Geodetic Very Long Baseline Interferometry Network (VLBI) work.

HartRAO will be incorporated into the newly established South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO), which I intend to declare as a National Research Facility under the National Research Foundation Act, 1998 (Act No. 23 of 1998).

Interested or affected persons and members of the public are invited to submit written representations on the intended withdrawal of declaration of HartRAO as a National Research Facility within sixty (60) days from the date of publication of this notice to:

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