24 October 2003

PROHIBITION ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR: DISTRICTS OF SWELLENDAM AND MONTAGU

I, Arnold Michael Muller, Director General of Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, hereby declare, in terms of section 25(1) of the Forest Act, 1984 (Act No. 122 of 1984) -

that in my opinion -

State forests or private forests in the area the boundaries of which are indicated in the Schedule hereto, are subject to extraordinary fire hazards and direct that in the said area no person shall from 15 November 2003 up to and including 15 April 2004 make a fire in the open air or, if such a fire has been made, allow it to continue to burn or add fuel thereto, otherwise than-

- (a) fires made within a demarcated picnic or camping area or caravan park or holiday resort, but only at places within such a demarcated area as have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose: Provided that such fires are properly attended to;
- (b) fires made for the purpose of preparing food or for any other domestic or customary purpose on residential stands in proclaimed townships or homesteads in communal areas or farms which are adequately protected against spreading and are properly attended to; and
- (c) for or all other fires prior approval must be obtained from the relevant authorities, which approval shall be applied for in writing.

Arnold Michael Muller Director-General

SCHEDULE

From Swellendam, in an easterly direction along Road N 2 to the T-junction to Suurbraak; thence in a northerly direction along Provincial Road TR 65/1 through Suurbraak to Barrydale; thence in a west-north-westerly direction along Provincial Road TR 31/3 to Montagu: thence in a southerly direction along Provincial Road TR 31/2 to the T-junction to Swellendam; thence in a south-easterly direction along Provincial Road TR 32/1 to Swellendam, the point of beginning.