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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

MOPANE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
(FORMERLY LETABA AND PIETERSBURG DISTRICTS)

I, Arnold Michael Muller In my capacity as the Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, 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 Forests in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedule B hereto are subject to an extraordinary fire hazards, I therefore-

- (1) direct that in the said areas, no person shall from **1 August 2005 up to and including 31 October 2005** make a 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: Provided that such fires are properly extinguished with water and/or sand;
 - (b) fires for the preparation 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 **15:00 to 24:00** only on days when the average Fire Danger Index (FDI) at **14:00** for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire 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 regulation 12 of the Conservation of Agricultural 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 August 2005 up to and including 31 October 2005** destroy by burning slash originating from any timber plantation or self-sown exotic trees;
- (3) hereby direct that in the said areas no person shall from **1 August 2005 up to and including 31 October 2005** clear or maintain a fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: Provided that veld for range land management may be burnt from **15:00 to 24:00** only on days when the Average Fire Danger Index at **14:00** for the fire region, as determined by the Forest Fire Association, is less than **45**, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and the day before a public holiday when no burning may be undertaken, subject to the directions in terms of regulation 12 of the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983), in consultation with the local interested parties and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area.

Arnold Michael Muller
Director-General

SCHEDULE B – MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

**DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN
MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE
FOR 2005**

Beginning of the North Eastern corner of farm Crystal Water 160 LT, heading West along the Northern boundary of Crystal water 160 LT, then heading South West along the North Western boundary of Lemoenkop 184 LT, then heading north west along Northern boundary of Kogel Fontein LT, from there heading to South West boundary along the Northern boundary Bronkhorst Fontein LT, Tigerkloof 180 LT, Rietloop 341 LT, Goudplaats 340 LT, Dassiehoek 399 LT, Nooyensfontein 338 LT for which it turns to North East and then heading South West along Northern boundary of Boschlutshoek 377 LT, then heading South East along northern boundary of Roodedraai 378 LT, now heading South West along Northern boundary of Segopo's Location 821 LS, then heading South West along Northern boundary of Rondebosch 824 LS, Langklode 826 LS, then heading south along middle Letaba River so as to include the following Farms: Diepkloof 830 LS, Troost MIJ 889 LS, Driehoek 883 LS, Uitval Grond 888 LS, Inkonka 899 LS, Paard Lorifi 890 LS, Escatre 907 LS, the heading South ~~West~~ along Western boundary of Sterkloop 929 LS, Zaagkruit 928 LS, Mpome 949 LS, Tomaszom 50 LS, Munte Christo 952 LS, Blink Water 953 LS, Afelklip 1034 LS, then heading West along Western boundary of Thorndale 1037 LS, Kopies 1039 LS, then heading South along the southern boundary of Vluchkraal 1040 LS, Ack forest 1077 LS, Eva 197 LS, Annies Anney 206 KS, Paardevelei 201 KS, Mizpah 214 KS, Helen 219 KS, then heading east along the Southern boundary of Rheeboekvlei 213 KS, Komweer 310 KS, Ashmole Dales 211 KS, Walmer dastle 39 KT, Bokhara 35 KT, Baden 9 KT, then heading North along the Southern boundary of Mampa Kloof 10 KT, then heading South East along Southern boundary of Mamatzeeri 15 KT, Tours 17 KT, Inlesburg 20 KT, then heading North East along the Southern boundary of Bordlaux 21 KT, Granuale 23 KT, Dusseloop 22 KT, Bonn 671 LT, Sedan 672 LT, then heading to North East along Southern boundary of Novengilla 562 LT, Languedoc 563 LT, Eureka 564 LT, then heading West along the Western boundary of The Plains 519 LT, Thiergarten 531 LT, then heading North along ~~Eastern~~ boundary of Laborinie 515 LT, then heading East along the eastern boundary of Deeside 733 LT, Lauraine 742 LT, Henley 734 LT, Matuma 735 LT, LA Cotte 736 LT, then heading South East along the Eastern boundary of black Hills 740 LT, Mabeta 726 LT, Eiland 725 LT, then heading to North West along the Northern boundary of Constatia 685 LT, and it proceed to South East along the Eastern boundary of Letaba Drift 727 LT, LA Parisa 729 LT, Gunyula 730 LT, Jasi 731 LT, Deeside 733 LT, then it further proceed to west along the Eastern boundary of LA Mute 464 LT, Riverside 514 LT, Taganashoek 465 LT, Duplex 467 LT, now heading to North along the Northern boundary of Strangers Rest 431 LT, Legat 396 LT, the proceeding to the North East along the Northern boundary of Gravel Road which include the following Villages: Maraka, Mamakata, Rabothatha, Malematsa, Iketleng, Mollong, Sekgothi, Mabulane, Boshage and farm Vlakfontein 359 LT, Kromriviers 355 LT, then goes to the North on the Northern boundary of Schelding 357 LT, now to North West along the farm boundary Sedan 356 LT, then heading North along the Northern boundary of Vabwater 193 LT, to North West of the farm Jacob 191 LT, Mooiwater 187 LT, and ending at the Northern corner of Crystal Water 160 LT.