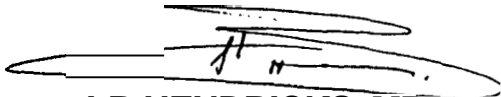


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MINES AND WORKS ACT, 1956**(ACT No 27 OF 1956)****DECLARATION OF WORK IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST**

Under Section 9(1) (9 of the Mines and Works Act, 1956 (Act No 27 of 1956), I Lindiwe Hendricks, MP, Minister of Minerals and Energy, hereby declare that in my opinion the performance of all work necessary and incidental to the normal production of **gold** and the development of access ways to payable ore reserves on Sundays, at the mine known as Placer Dome Western Areas Joint Venture – South Deep in the District of Westonaria, Province of Gauteng, is necessary in the national interest for a period of one year from 01 July 2005.

**LB HENDRICKS, MP**

MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY