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## GENERAL NOTICE

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#### DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

### INVESTIGATION INTO THE FUEL SHORTAGES EXPERIENCED DURING DECEMBER 2005

The Department of Minerals and Energy has launched an investigation into the fuel shortages experienced during December 2005, and has appointed advocate Marumo Moerane SC to head the investigation.

The scope of this investigation is to cover all matters that will offer insight into the reasons that led to the fuel shortages and includes but not limited to the following focus areas:

- Logistics infrastructure capacity (pipelines, rail, road and storage);
- Refining capacity and state of repair;
- Refinery shut-down planning;
- Wholesaler-retailer relationships;
- Communication channels;
- Handling of phase-in period towards upgraded specifications (2010 specifications)
- Obligations of Basic Fuel Price (BFP) on holding finished products; and
- Compensation of consumers during this fuel crisis

Interested persons are hereby invited to make written representations relevant to the scope of the abovementioned investigation. Such written representations must be addressed to the Director-General, Department of Minerals and Energy, Private Bag X59, Pretoria, 0001, for attention: Ms. Nonhlanhla Thabethe-Ndebele, and must reach the Department by 24 February 2006.

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL: MINERALS AND ENERGY**

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