

**DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY  
DEPARTEMENT VAN MINERALE EN ENERGIE**

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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)(f) of the Mines and Works Act, 1956 (Act No 27 of 1956), I, **Benedicta Lindiwe Hendricks, MP, Minister of Minerals and Energy**, hereby declare that, in my opinion, **the performance on Sundays of certain work, details of which appear in the Schedule hereto, at the mine known as The Oaks Mine, in the Magisterial District of Mokopane, in the Limpopo Province, is necessary in the National interest for a further period of twelve months ending 31 January 2007.**

**Mrs LINDIWE HENDRICKS, MP  
MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY**

**SCHEDULE*****Description of work***

1. To load, haul and dump waste rock.
2. To load and haul ore from the open pit and stockpiles to the plant, for the processing and recovery of diamonds.
3. The marking and drilling of blast holes and holes for the support of high walls.
4. The charging up and blasting of blast holes.
5. The supporting of high walls.
6. Related operational maintenance as required.

***Description of mine***

**The mine known as The Oaks Mine on the farm The Oaks 153 MR, situated in the Magisterial district of Mokopane, Limpopo Province and at present being worked by De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited, P O Box 616 Kimberly, 8300**