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WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION ACT, 1999 (ACT NO. 49 of 1999): DECLARATION OF KWAZULU-NATAL NATURE CONSERVATION BOARD AS THE AUTHORITY FOR UKHAHLAMBA DRAKENSBERG PARK WORLD HERITAGE SITE

I, Marthinus Christoffel Johannes van Schalkwyk, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, hereby declare by virtue of the powers vested in my by Sections 7(1) and 5(b) of the World Heritage Convention Act, 1999 (Act No. 49 of 1999) my intention to declare the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board as the Authority for uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site.

Interested and affected parties are invited to submit comments or objections on the proposed declaration within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice, to:

The Director-General Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Private Bag X447 PRETORIA 0001

ATTENTION: Mr Ntsizi November Fax: (012) 320 1243 Email: <u>nnovember@deat.gov.za</u>

All interested and affected parties are also hereby invited to attend and participate in public hearings to be held at 10:00 on 14 February 2008 at the Queen Elizabeth Park, Pietermaritzburg at which the declaration of the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board as the Authority for uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park World Heritage Site will be tabled for discussion.

Ufway challeny

MARTHINUS VAN SCHALKWYK, MP MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM