

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE 1281 OF 2008

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF THE SODA ASH INDUSTRY

In terms of section 10(3)(b)(iv) of the Competition Act (No. 89 of 1998), the Minister of Trade and Industry may designate an industry after consultation with the Minister responsible for that industry for the purpose of an application for exemption from the provisions of Chapter Two of the Competition Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Trade and Industry is considering, for the purpose of section 10(3)(b)(iv) of the Competition Act, an application by American Natural Soda Ash Corporation (ANSAC) for the designation of the soda ash industry. According to ANSAC, the purpose of the designation is to ensure stability and/or sustainability in the supply of soda ash in South Africa given the global shortage of soda ash.

Interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed designation of the soda ash industry are invited to submit written representation, by no later than 28 November 2008 to—

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