

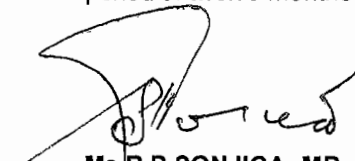
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**MINES AND WORKS ACT, 1956
ACT No 27 OF 1956**

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, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Minerals and Energy, hereby declare that, in my opinion, the performance on Sundays work, details of which appear in the schedule hereto, at the mine known as Venetia Mine in the Magisterial District of Vhembe, Limpopo Province, is necessary in the National interest for a period of twelve months ending 30 June 2009.



Ms B P SONJICA, 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 to the plants, to process the ore and recover diamonds.
3. The marking and drilling of blast holes and holes for the support of the high walls.
4. The blasting of blast holes.
5. The supporting of high walls.
6. Operational maintenance as required.
7. Rotary core wire-line drilling for resource delineation and geotechnical studies.
8. Reverse circulation large diameter drilling for ore reserve estimation.
9. To provide support for any work necessary for any of the tasks mentioned in preceding paragraphs.

Description of mine

The mine is known as Venetia Mine on the Farm Venetia 103 MS, situated in the Magisterial District of Vhembe, Limpopo Province and at present being worked by De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited, P O Box 616, Kimberley, 8300.