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PROHIBITON ON THE MAKING OF FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR, THE DESTRUCTION BY BURNING OF SLASH AND CLEARING OR MAINTENANCE OF FIRE BELTS BY BURNING AND THE EXECUTION OF BLOCK-BURNS

MOPANI AND CAPRICORN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES

- I, Mbana Peter Thabethe, Director-General (Acting): Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby declare in terms of section 25 (1), (2) and (3) of the Forest Act, 1984 (Act No, 122 of 1984) that the State Forests in the areas the boundaries of which are indicated in Schedule B hereto are subject to extraordinary fire hazards. I therefore direct-
- (1) that in the said areas, no person shall from 1 August 2010 up to and including 31 October 2010 make fire in the open air, or if such a fire has been made, allow it to burn or add fuel thereto, otherwise than-
 - (a) fires made within a demarcated picnic or camping area or Caravan Park, or holiday resorts, but only at places within such an area which have been specifically prepared and maintained for that purpose: provided that such fires are properly extinguished with water and/or sand;
 - (b) fires for the preparations of food on residential stands;
 - (c) fires made on residential and industrial stands in proclaimed townships;
 - (d) burning of harvest residue on cultivated crop fields; provided that such fires are made from 5h00 to 22h00 on days when the forecast from the previous day's 14h00 FDI is less than 45, as determined by the Letaba Fire Protection Association, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to directions in terms of regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resource Act, 1983 (Act No. 45 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and with the permission of the Letaba Fire Protection Association, and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area,
 - (e) fires made for initiation school purposes, but only at places, which have been specially prepared and maintained for that purpose to prevent fires from spreading;
- (2) that in the said areas no person shall from 1 May 2010 up to and including 31 October 2010 destroy by burning slash originating from any pine timber plantation or any self-sown pine trees;
- (3) that in the said areas no person shall from 1 August 2010 up to and including 31 October 2010, clear or maintain fire belt by burning, or execute block burns: provided that veld for range land management, may be burnt from 5h00 to 22h00 on days when the forecast from the previous day's 14h00 FDI is less than 45, as determined by the Letaba Fire Protection Association, except on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, when no burning may be undertaken, subject to direction in terms of regulation 12, promulgated in terms of the Conservation of Agriculture Resource Act, 1983 (Act No. 45 of 1983), in consultation with local interested parties and with the permission of the Letaba Fire Protection Association and the implementation of reasonable precautions to ensure that fires do not spread in the area,

Mr./Peter Thabethe

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting): AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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SCHEDULE B - MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

DESCRIPTION OF FIRE PROHIBITION AREA IN MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE FOR 2010

Beginning at the northern corner of the farm Wagendrift 383LT, on the Koedoes River, then heading south-west along the Koedoes River so as to include the following farms: Wagendrift 383LT, Donkerval 405LT, Boschhoek 415LT, Bloemfontein 414LT, Vaalkrans 413LT, Deelkraal 412LT, and Ramatoeslas Kloof 411LT, then the following boundaries of the following farms so as to include them: Welgevonden 886LS, Lang en Smal 887LS, Paardedrift 890LS, Escatre 907LS, Sterkloop 929LS, Zaagkuil 928LS, now heading south, Mpome 949LS, Tomaszom 950LS, Suikerboschkopje 925LS Verbrandehoek 983 LS, Voetpad 1012LS, Tafelklip 1034LS, Driekuil 1036LS, Goodhope 1072LS, Brighton 1079LS, Kromdaai 1067LS, Annies Fortune 1068LS, Annies Annex 206KS, Paardevlei 201KS, 214KS, Helen 219KS,Rheebokvlei 213KS, now heading north east, 310KS, Ashmole Dales 211KS, Klipdraai 3KT, Ceylon 4KT, Aden 1KT, Georges Valley 632LT, Wolkberg 634LT,Forest Reserve 8KT,Graighead 643LT, Coombe Bank 649LT,Murle Brook 651LT,Vulivha 607LT, Masimu 571LT, Sivurahli 560LT, to the point where the Letaba River crosses the eastern boundary of the last mentioned property; then along the Great Letaba River so as to include the following farms: Beaconsfield 530LT, and the western portion of the farm Letabasdrift 526LT, then at the intersection of the Great Letaba Riverand P181/1 tar road heading north along the P181/1 so that the sections of the following farms west of the road are included: Gladstone 527LT,Tarentaal 524LT, Welverwatch 510LT, Uitsoek 509LT,Duplex 467LT, to the northern boundary of Deerpark 459LT, now north westerly along the farm boundaries, so as to include the following farms: Strangers Rest 431LT, Schoongelegen 432LT, Mooiplaats 434LT, Spitstrand 422LT, Witkrans 421LT, Kransfontein 430LT, and ending at the northern corner of Wagendrift 383LT.