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**GENERAL NOTICE**

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**NOTICE 824 OF 2010****DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES****MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002****(ACT No. 28 OF 2002)****INVITATION FOR REPRESENTATIONS FROM RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS ON PROPOSED MORATORIUM UNDER SECTION 49(1) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT ( ACT No. 28 OF 2002) AGAINST RECEIVING OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING RIGHTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE ACT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (06) MONTHS, (FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 2011)**

The Minister of Mineral Resources intends to impose a moratorium under Section 49(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), on the receiving of all new applications for prospecting rights in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002, for a period of six months with effect from 1 September 2010 until 28 February 2011.

The intended moratorium will be applicable to all new applications for prospecting rights only, and will not affect the processing of existing prospecting and mining right applications received before the 01 September 2010, or the renewal thereof.

The purpose of the intended moratorium is to evaluate and implement the findings of a comprehensive audit of all applications received and processed by the Department since 1 May 2004, thereby ensuring the transfer of accurate and reliable data to a new integrated electronic application administrative system. This will streamline and strengthen the administrative process, and will allow for the accurate and instant tracking of applications, thereby improving service delivery.

Representations from all relevant stakeholders on the proposed moratorium are hereby invited and must be submitted in writing to:

The Director-General  
Department of Mineral Resources  
Private Bag X59  
Arcadia  
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For Attention: Director: Legal Services

Written representations may also be sent via electronic mail to:  
[Pieter.Alberts@dmr.gov.za](mailto:Pieter.Alberts@dmr.gov.za) or hand delivered to:

The Director-General  
Department of Mineral Resources  
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Travenna Campus  
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For Attention: Director: Legal Services

**Written representations must reach the Department by no later than  
27 August 2010.**

**SUSAN SHABANGU, MP  
MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

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