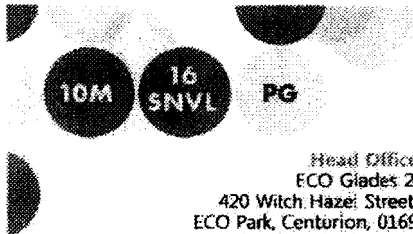

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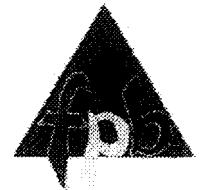
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EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES

We refer to the draft Classification Guidelines, which were gazetted in Government Gazette No. 35026 on the 10th February 2012, Notice 112 of 2012. The guidelines were later posted onto the FPB website www.fpb.gov.za. An appeal was made to members of the public to make representation concerning the said guidelines for 30 days after publication on the website. The closing date for public representation was 12th April.

The Council of the FPB wishes to extend the period of public representation from the closing date of the 12th April to the 16th May 2012.

BACKGROUND

The Film and Publications Board (FPB) is an organ of state brought into existence by the Films and Publications Act 65 of 1996, as amended. The FPB is responsible for the classification of films, interactive games and certain publications which are intended to be distributed by way of sale, hire or exhibition in South Africa.

Classification is intended to protect children from disturbing and harmful material and premature exposure to adult experiences, as well as to provide South African adults with such cautionary information as will allow them to make informed viewing, game playing and reading choices for themselves and children in their care.

CLASSIFICATION GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In making their decisions, classification committees, consistent with the principle that in all matters concerning children, **the best interests of the child are paramount**, aim to strike a reasonable balance between adults competing interests and the protection of children from potentially disturbing, harmful and age-inappropriate.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The Films and Publications Act requires the Council of the FPB in consultation with the Minister to review Classification guidelines every 2 years and amend, where necessary. The amendments may be based on any changes in the Constitution, generally accepted community norms and values and technological changes that impact on classification of material submitted.

In ensuring that the guidelines reflect, as far as possible, generally accepted community standards and levels of tolerance, the Council of the FPB invites comments, criticisms, and suggestions from members of the public. The current guidelines will then be refreshed and amended in light with the input received from the public.

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