

NOTICE 837 OF 2012**DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES****MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002****(ACT No. 28 OF 2002)**

INVITATION FOR REPRESENTATIONS FROM RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS ON PROPOSED PROHIBITION UNDER SECTION 49(1) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (ACT No. 28 OF 2002) AGAINST GRANTING OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING RIGHTS, MINING RIGHTS, RECONNAISSANCE PERMISSIONS AND MINING PERMITS IN TERMS OF SECTION 16, 22, 74 AND 27 RESPECTIVELY OF THE ACT FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD IN RESPECT OF THE FARMS ROTONDO 1093, KLEIN POORTJE 1077, KLEIN POORTJE 1052, POORTJE 38 AND MOOIPLAAS 1087, DISTRICT ROUXVILLE, FREE STATE

The Minister of Mineral Resources intends to impose a prohibition under Section 49(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), on the granting of all new applications for prospecting rights, mining rights, reconnaissance permissions and mining permits in terms of section 16, 22, 74 and 27 respectively of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002, for an indefinite period in respect of the farms Rotondo 1093, Klein Poortje 1077, Klein Poortje 1052, Poortje 38 and Mooiplaas 1087, District Rouxville, Free State.

The intended prohibition will be applicable to all applications for prospecting rights, mining rights, reconnaissance permissions and mining permits over the identified property, and will not affect existing prospecting rights, mining rights, reconnaissance permissions and mining permits, or the renewal thereof.

The purpose of the intended prohibition is to protect a sensitive walnut plantation established as part of government's initiative regarding sustainable development of rural areas.

Representations from all relevant stakeholders on the proposed prohibition 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: Chief Director: Legal Services

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

The Director-General
Department of Mineral Resources
Building 2 B
Travenna Campus
C/o Meintjes and Schoeman Street
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For Attention: Chief Director: Legal Services

Written representations must reach the Department by no later than 21 days after publication of this notice.



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MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES