

**NOTICE 863 OF 2013****DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS****NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998****PROPOSED DECLARATION OF THE EXPLORATION FOR AND OR PRODUCTION OF  
ONSHORE UNCONVENTIONAL OIL OR GAS RESOURCES AND ANY ACTIVITIES  
INCIDENTAL THERETO INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AS  
A CONTROLLED ACTIVITY**

I, Bomo Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, in terms of section 38(3) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), hereby give notice of my intention to declare any of the following activities to be a controlled activity:


*"The exploration for and or production of onshore unconventional oil or gas resources and any activities incidental thereto, including but not limited to hydraulic fracturing."*

Interested persons are hereby invited to submit written comments on the proposed declaration to the Chief Director: Regulation Ms Deborah Mochotlhi of the Department of Water Affairs within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice to:

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