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**DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES****No. 71****3 February 2014****DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES****MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002  
(ACT NO. 28 OF 2002)****RESTRICTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 49(1) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2002) ON GRANTING OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR RECONNAISSANCE PERMITS, TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PERMITS, EXPLORATION RIGHTS AND PRODUCTION RIGHTS IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 74, 76, 79 AND 83 OF THE ACT.**

Having considered presentations made in response to Notice R.932 of 16 November 2012, the Minister of Mineral Resources, having regard to the national interest and the need to promote the sustainable development of the nation's petroleum resources, hereby impose a restriction under section 49(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) ("the Act"), on the granting of applications for reconnaissance permits, technical co operation permits, exploration rights and production rights in terms of sections 74, 76, 79, and 83 of the Act. The designated areas for the restriction are depicted on the plan attached as Annexure A.

This restriction shall not be applicable to applications received and accepted before 1 February 2011, subject to the condition that such applications, if granted, shall not authorise the holder of such right to undertake hydraulic fracturing. Actual hydraulic fracturing shall only be authorised once appropriate amendments to the regulations under the Act, a draft of which was published for comment by Notice 1032 of 2013, have been promulgated.



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