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**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR**  
**DEPARTEMENT VAN ARBEID**

No. R. 683

27 June 2008

Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993)

**AMENDMENT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE CONTROL LIMIT FOR  
SILICA IN TABLE 1 OF THE HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES  
REGULATIONS**

Under section 43 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993), I Membathisi Mphumzi Shepherd Mdladlana, Minister of Labour, hereby –

1. amend the Occupational Exposure Control Limit for Silica in Table I of the Hazardous Chemical Substance Regulations from  $0,4\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$  to  $0,1\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$
2. require all industries handling, manufacturing and producing silica dust to submit bi-annual reports starting from 1 January 2009 indicating the following:
  - number of samples taken and analyzed
  - composition of dust
  - concentration of the constituents; and
  - whether you are complying with the new Occupational Exposure Limit for silica, if not, what steps are implemented to comply with the exposure limit within six months of this notice being gazetted.