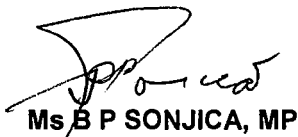


**DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY
DEPARTEMENT VAN MINERALE EN ENERGIE****No. 749****11 July 2008****MINES AND WORKS ACT, 1956
(ACT NO 27 OF 1956)****DECLARATION OF WORK IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST**

Under Section 9(1)(f) of the Mines and Works Act, 1956 (Act No 27 of 1956), I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Minerals and Energy, hereby declare that, in my opinion, the performance on Sundays of certain work, details of which appear in the schedule hereto, at the mine known as Palabora Underground Mining Operations, in the Magisterial District of Phalaborwa, Limpopo Province, and at present being worked by Palabora Mining Company Limited, is necessary in the National interest for a period of twelve months ending 30 April 2009.

**Ms B P SONJICA, MP****MINISTER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY****SCHEDULE*****Description of work***

1. Hoisting of men, rock and material at the Production and Service Shafts;
2. Loading and tramming of the broken rock;
3. Marking off and drilling of the underground excavations;
4. Charging up and blasting of the underground excavations;
5. Making safe, cleaning and the installation of support in the underground excavations;
6. Charging up and blasting of the oversize rock;
7. Loading, crushing and transportation of ore to the surface stockpiles;
8. Loading, transportation and crushing of ore from the surface stockpiles to the plant; &
9. Loading and transportation of rock to Foskor Limited.

Description of mine

The mine known as Palabora Underground Mining Operations, which is situated on the farms Laaste 24 LU, Sheila 10 KU, Merensky 32 LU, Wegsteek 30 LU, Vereeniging 11 KU and Loole 31 LU, in the Magisterial District of Phalaborwa, Limpopo Province, and at present being worked by Palabora Mining Company Limited, P O Box 177, Phalaborwa, 1390.