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**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY****NO. 1261****21 NOVEMBER 2018****NOTICE OF THE MINISTER'S DECISION REGARDING THE INTENDED PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN MINING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DECLARED SUTHERLAND CENTRAL ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREA**

On 25 July 2018, I, Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, Minister of Science and Technology, published a notice of intention to declare certain mining activities to be prohibited within the declared Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area in *Government Gazette* No. 41793, under Notice No 745. The said notice invited interested and affected parties to submit written representations and/or objections to the intended prohibitions within sixty (60) days of the publication of the said notice. The final date for the submission of written representations and/or objections was 25 September 2018.

On 13 August 2018, a notice for a workshop to provide special assistance to persons needing assistance to make written representations and/or objections to the intended prohibition was published in *Government Gazette* No. 41835, under Notice No. 842, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Regulations on Fair Administrative Procedures, published in terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No.3 of 2000).

Upon due consideration of the written representations received, I have concluded that there is no need for public hearings as provided for in subsection 42(3) of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007 (Act No. 21 of 2007), and that I will in due course proceed to declare the prohibition of certain mining activities within the declared Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area in terms of section 23 of the Act, by means of the publication of a notice in the *Gazette*.

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**MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

## DEPARTEMENT VAN WETENSKAP EN TEGNOLOGIE

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**KENNISGEWING VAN DIE MINISTER SE BESLUIT OOR DIE VOORGENOME  
VERBOD OP SEKERE MYNBOU-AKTIWITEITE BINNE DIE VERKLAARDE  
SUTHERLAND SENTRALE ASTRONOMIEVOORDEELGEBIED**

Op 25 Julie 2018, het ek, Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, Minister van Wetenskap en Tegnologie, 'n kennisgewing van voorneme gepubliseer in *Staatskoerant* No. 41793, onder Kennisgewing no. 745, om te verklaar dat sekere mynbou-aktiwiteite binne die verklaarde Sutherland Sentrale Astronomievoordeelgebied verbied sal word. Die gemelde kennisgewing het geïnteresseerde and geaffekteerde partye uitgenooi om geskrewe voorleggings oor of besware teen die voorgenome verbod binne 60 (sestig) dae na die publikasie van die gemelde kennisgewing, voor te lê. Die voorleggingstydperk vir geskrewe vertoë het op 25 September 2018, geëindig.

Op 13 Augustus 2018, is 'n kennisgewing vir 'n werkwinkel gepubliseer om spesiale bystand te verleen aan persone wat bystand verlang om geskrewe voorleggings oor of besware teen die voorgenome verbod te maak, in *Staatskoerant* No. 41835, onder Kennisgewing No. 842, kragtens Regulasie 5 van die Regulasies aangaande Billike Administratiewe Prosedures, gepubliseer kragtens die Wet op die Bevordering van Administratiewe Geregtigheid, 2000 (Wet 3 van 2000).

Na behoorlike oorweging van die geskrewe vertoë ontvang, het ek tot die gevolgtrekking gekom dat daar geen behoefte vir mondelinge openbare verhore, soos voorsien in subartikel 42(3) van die Wet op Geografiese Astronomievoordeel, 2007 (Wet 21 van 2007) (die Wet), is nie en dat ek mettertyd sal voortgaan om te verklaar dat sekere mynbou-aktiwiteite binne die Sutherland Sentrale Astronomievoordeelgebied verbied word kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet, deur middel van die publikasie van 'n kennisgewing in die *Staatskoerant*.

Enige navrae in verband met die kennisgewing moet gerig word aan:

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