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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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DRAFT NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS EXPANSION STRATEGY REVIEW 2016 IN SOUTH AFRICA, FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby publish the Draft National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy for South Africa 2016, for public comments, as set out in the schedule hereto. One of the objectives of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), is to require the department to provide for the protection and conservation of ecologically viable areas representative of South Africa's biological diversity and its natural landscapes and seascapes, hence the development and review of the strategy.

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 60 days after the publication of this notice written representations or objections to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General Department of Environmental Affairs Private Bag X447 Pretoria 0001 Attention: Mr T Nethononda

By hand at: Environmental House, 473 Steve Biko Street Arcadia, Pretoria By email to: <u>tnethononda@environment.gov.za</u>

Any enquiries in connection with the Draft National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy for South Africa 2016 can be directed to Mr Thivhulawi Nethononda at 012 399 9553.

The Draft National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Review 2016 can be accessed at https://www.environment.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/national_protectedareas_expansionstrategy2016_ ofsouthafrica.pdf

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

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