

## DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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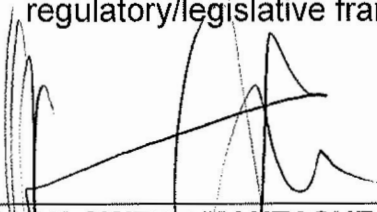
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**SOUTH AFRICAN AGENCY FOR PROMOTION OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND  
EXPLOITATION (SOC) LTD (PETROLEUM AGENCY SA)****MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002  
(ACT NO. 28 OF 2002)****NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 49(3) (A) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM  
RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2002) ("THE ACT"): TO  
LIFT A RESTRICTION OR PROHIBITION ON THE GRANTING OF APPLICATIONS  
FOR RECONNAISSANCE PERMITS, TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PERMITS,  
EXPLORATION RIGHTS AND PRODUCTION RIGHTS**

I, Samson Gwede Mantashe, Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, having reconsidered circumstances which caused the publication of Notice No. 71 dated 03 February 2014 and Notice No.657 dated 28 June 2018 in the *Gazette*, imposing a restriction under section 49(1) of the Act on the granting of any technical co-operation permit, exploration right and production right, hereby determines as follows:

- a. A restriction pursuant to Notice No.657 dated 28 June 2018 on any applications for technical co-operation permit, exploration right and production right in respect of onshore areas only (excluding areas so depicted in the attached plan), as depicted on the plan attached as **Annexure I** is hereby lifted up in terms of section 49(3)(a);
- b. The lifting of the restriction contemplated in paragraph (a) does not apply to areas that are subject to a Notice of Restriction No.71 dated 03 February 2014;

- c. A restriction notice in terms of section 49(1) of the Act does not affect exclusive rights accorded to holders of technical co-operation permits and exploration rights in terms of sections 78(1) and 82(1)(a) of the Act to apply for exploration or production rights, as the case may be;
- d. Notice No. 71 dated 03 February 2014 is amended in terms of section 49(3)(b) to exclude reference to reconnaissance permits; and
- e. Any application for exploration and production right granted shall not authorise the holder of such a right to undertake hydraulic fracturing until appropriate regulatory/legislative framework is promulgated.



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**SAMSON GWEDE MANTASHE, MP**  
**MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY**

