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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL PROVISION REGULATIONS, 2015

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby amend the Financial Provisioning Regulations, 2015, as amended, in terms of section 44(aE), (aF), (aG), (aH) read with sections 24(5)(b)(ix), 24(5)(d), 24N, 24P and 24R of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) as set out in the Schedule hereto.

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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In these Regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned, and

"the Regulations" means the Financial Provisioning Regulations, 2015, published under Government Notice No. R. 1147 in Gazette No 39425 of 20 November 2015, as amended by Government Notice No. 1314, published in Gazette No. 40371 of 26 October 2016, Government Notice No. R. 452, published in Gazette No. 41584 of 20 April 2018 and Government Notice No. 991, published in Gazette No. 41921 of 21 September 2018.

Substitution of regulation 17B in the Regulations

2. Regulation 17B of the Regulations is hereby substituted for the following regulation:

"17B. Extension of the transitional period

Unless regulation 17A applies, a holder, or holder of a right or permit, who applied for such right or permit prior to 20 November 2015, regardless when the right or permit was obtained—

- (a) must by no later than 19 June 2021 comply with these Regulations; and
- (b) shall, until 19 June 2021, be regarded as having complied with the provisions of these Regulations, if such holder has complied with the provisions and arrangements regarding financial provisioning, approved as part of the right or permit issued in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002)."