

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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AMENDMENT OF THE VAAL RIVER CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY WATER MANAGEMENT AREA THROUGH EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY AND AREA OF OPERATION TO INCLUDE THE ORANGE WATER MANAGEMENT AREA IN TERMS OF SECTION 78(4) OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 36 OF 1998) AND AMENDMENT OF THE NAME OF THE VAAL RIVER CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO THE VAAL-ORANGE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY. PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS

I, L N Sisulu, MP, Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, hereby, in terms of section 78(3) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), declare that -

- a) the Vaal River Catchment Management Agency extends the boundary and area of operation to include the Orange Water Management Area;
- b) that the proposed Catchment Management Agency name is the Vaal-Orange Catchment Management Agency;
- c) the areas of operation of the proposed Vaal-Orange Catchment Management Agency include the previous Vaal and the Orange Water Management Areas as pronounced in the National Water Resource Strategy 2. Both of the Water Management Areas fall largely within the Gauteng, Free State and Northern Cape Provinces, and includes all properties in respect of which and person is entitled to use water by virtue of entitlements in terms of section 22(1) of the Act from-
 - (i) any other water resources situated outside the area described in paragraph (c)(i) above, which water resources and accompanying area, the Department of Water and Sanitation or the responsible authority may require the Vaal-Orange Catchment Management Agency to control,
- d) all initial and delegated functions will be performed by the Vaal-Orange Catchment Management Agency.
- e) water resource management charges will be billed by the Vaal-Orange Catchment Management Agency in accordance to section 57(2) of the National Water Act, 1998.
- f) affected staff will be transferred as a going concern to the Vaal-Orange Catchment Management Agency according to section 89(1)(2).

All interested persons are invited to send their comments in writing on the proposed extension of boundary and area of operation to: The Director-General

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