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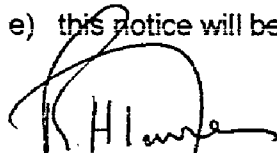
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BROAD- BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 14 of the Broad- Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003) I, Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby determine that-

- a) from 1 February 2010, only BEE verification certificates issued by Accredited Verification Agencies or Verification Agencies that are in possession of a valid pre-assessment letter from South African National Accreditation System will be valid;
- b) despite the provision in paragraph (a) above, all verification certificates issued by non-accredited verification agencies before 1 February 2010, will remain valid for 12 months from the date of issue;
- c) the period of validity of the certificates contemplated in paragraph (a) above, will be 12 months from the date of issue;
- d) Notice 354 of 2009 issued on 9 April 2009 and Notice 677 of 2009 issued on 5 June 2009 are deemed to be repealed with effect from 1 August 2009; and
- e) this notice will be deemed to be effective from 1 August 2009.



Rob Davies
MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
DATE: 28/7/09