

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998  
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR REPORTING ON  
IDENTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 24(5)(a) AND (h) AND 44 OF  
THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998, WHEN APPLYING FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby in terms of sections 24(5)(a), (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, prescribe general requirements for undertaking site sensitivity verification and for protocols for the assessment and minimum report content requirements of environmental impacts **for environmental themes for activities requiring environmental authorisation, as contained in the Schedule hereto**. When the requirements of a protocol apply, the requirements of Appendix 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, as amended, (EIA Regulations), promulgated under sections 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), are replaced by these requirements.

Each protocol applies exclusively to the environmental theme identified within its scope. Multiple themes may apply to a single application for environmental authorisation, and assessments for these themes must be undertaken in accordance with the relevant protocol, or where no specific protocol has been prescribed, in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations. These procedures and requirements will come into effect 50 days after the publication of this Notice.



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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**