

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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**MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002
[ACT NO 28 OF 2002]****PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF PROSPECTING OR MINING IN TERMS OF
SECTION 49[1] OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 [ACT NO 28 OF 2002]**

I, Mr **MOSEBENZI ZWANE** (MP), in my capacity as the Minister of Mineral Resources acting in terms of section 49[1] of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 [Act No 28 of 2002], having regard for the social and political climate at Xolobeni and reflecting on the significant social disintegration and highly volatile nature of the current situation in the area, hereby declare:

- I. An 18-month moratorium on the Transworld Energy and Mineral Resources SA (Pty) Ltd (TEM) application and the lodging of any further prospecting or mining applications in the area. The moratorium is relevant to the TEM application and the prohibition of any further lodging or processing of any mining or prospecting applications on the approved mine area for the next 18 months, or until the Minister is satisfied that the community conflict and unrest has been resolved and that the application can continue.
- II. Secondly, that no further applications for prospecting or mining authorizations will be accepted on the following mine area until such time as the moratorium is lifted: