



## **WORKSHOPS ON THE AMENDED NEMA EIA REGULATIONS (TO BE PUBLISHED IN MAY 2010)**

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning invites you to attend a 2-day workshop on the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and its most recent amendments, and in particular, the latest amendments to the NEMA EIA Regulations, which are due to be gazetted in May this year, and which will come into operation in July 2010.

The workshops will be presented by Henri Fortuin (CSIR) and Nicholas Smith (Smith Ndlovu and Summers Attorneys), with the Department's officials also being available for discussion during and after the workshops.

The workshops aim to achieve at least the following:

- Provide clarity on NEMA and the Regulations, including transitional arrangements;
- discuss any concerns or issues that arise from:
  - The requirements of the new Regulations;
  - Their implementation in the Western Cape; and
  - The administrative requirements in terms of the EIA regulations and the interrelationship with other statutes such as the Waste Act, Air Quality Act, and the Integrated Coastal Management Act.
- Create the opportunity for practitioners and decision-makers to build capacity through sharing "lessons learned" under previous EIA Regulations (under NEMA as well as the EIA legislative regime previously applicable in terms of the Environment Conservation Act).

The intended audience for these workshops includes provincial and municipal officials, councillors, environmental assessment practitioners, business and industry representatives, environmental NGOs, and members of the public.

The workshops will be held throughout the Western Cape at the venues listed below. If you plan to attend at a particular venue, please help our planning by responding (RSVP) timeously. The RSVP date is also indicated.

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>RSVP by</b>
South Coast : Protea King George Hotel, <u>George</u>	18-19 May	11 May
Cape Town: Durbanville Conference Centre, <u>Durbanville</u>	20-21 May	11 May
Boland: Lemoenkloof Guest House, <u>Paarl</u>	25-26 May	18 May
West Coast : Piekenierskloof Mountain Lodge, close to <u>Citrusdal</u>	27-28 May	18 May

To register by the RSVP date, please reply to:

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We encourage you to contribute to building capacity for effective implementation of these regulations by attending the workshop.