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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

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**MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002  
(ACT No. 28 OF 2002)**

**MORATORIUM UNDER SECTION 49 (1) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT ( ACT No. 28 OF 2002) ON RECEIVING OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING RIGHTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE ACT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (06) MONTHS, FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

The Minister of Mineral Resources, after having invited and considered representations from relevant stakeholders, hereby impose a moratorium under section 49(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), on the processing of all new applications for prospecting rights in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002, for a period of six months with effect from 1 September 2010 until 28 February 2011.

This moratorium will not affect the processing of existing prospecting and mining right applications received before 1 September 2010, or the renewal thereof.

**SUSAN SHABANGU, MP****MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

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