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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (DAFF) IN TERMS
OF SECTION 4(3)(4) OF THE NATIONAL FOREST ACT 84 OF 1998****DRAFT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN CRITERIA, INDICATORS AND STANDARDS FOR
SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT, 2015****INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

I, Pumeza Nkhwashu, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby invite all interested institutions, organizations and individuals to submit written comments on the draft South African Criteria, Indicators and Standards for Sustainable Forest Management

Some of the reviewed components of the South African Criteria, Indicators and Standards for Sustainable Forest Management include the following additions:

- criteria and indicators to measure and monitor carbon stocks in forests
- research on carbon stocks and impacts of climate change relevant to the forestry sector
- insights on appropriate certification standards and guidance
- updated operating procedures and audit template

Copies of the reviewed South African Criteria, Indicators and Standards for Sustainable Forest Management may be obtainable from the Directorate Commercial Forestry, email: mmakwenam@daff.gov.za and from the DAFF website (www.daff.gov.za).

Please follow the steps below to view the draft South African Criteria, Indicators and Standards for Sustainable Forest Management from the website:

- Step one: Open the DAFF website, www.daff.gov.za
- Step two: Click on Branches
- Step three: Click on Forestry Natural Resources Management

- Step four : Click on Forestry Regulation and Oversight
- Step five: Click Sustainable Forestry
- Step Six: Open Principles, Criteria & Indicators

Interested stakeholders wishing to comment are kindly requested to forward their written comments to the Directorate: Commercial Forestry within 30 days of the date of the publication of this notice.

Post to: Private Bag X 93, Pretoria, 0001; or

Deliver To: 110 Hamilton building, Pretoria; or

Fax to: 012 309 5834; or

Email to: mmakwenam@daff.gov.za

Please note that comments received after the closing date may be disregarded. The Directorate Commercial Forestry may be reached at Tel. (012) 309 5749 for any enquires.