DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)

CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO RELEASE A PORTION OF THE FARM 1363 RABULA WOODLOT, SITUATED IN AMAHLATHI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE, TO THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE USED FOR NON-FORESTRY PURPOSES, IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(3) AND (4) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby consult on my intention to release the land indicated below from being part of the Farm 1363 Rabula Woodlot State forest, so that it can be utilised by the National Department responsible for public works and infrastructure, for non-forestry purposes, in terms of section 50(3) and (4) of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998).

The parcel of land to be released is an 11-hectare portion of Farm 1363 Rabula Woodlot, located in the Keiskammahoek forest estate, which is situated at Amahlathi Local Municipality, within the Amathole District Municipality of the Eastern Cape Province, measuring 16 hectares. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment does not require the land for forestry purposes.

Members of the public are invited to submit, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government *Gazette*, written comments or inputs to any of the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General

Attention: Dr Tshifhiwa Ramatshimbila

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By hand at: Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, 0083.

By email at: tramatshimbila@dffe.gov.za.

Please note that anyone entering the department's building will be subjected to COVID 19 procedures.

Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to: Dr Tshifhiwa Ramatshimbila at 012 309 5715 / 082 804 7621.

Comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.

BARBARA DALLAS CREECY

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT