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GENERAL NOTICE**NOTICE 3066 OF 2002****THE PATENTS EXAMINATION REGULATIONS, 2002**

The Chairperson of the Patent Examination Board hereby publishes the Draft Patents Examination Regulations for public comments.

The main objectives of the draft regulations are to—

- remove barriers for entry into the intellectual property profession;
- empower and encourage the previously disadvantaged peoples to access the profession and related services; and
- broaden the scope of the syllabus to encompass all disciplines of intellectual property rights, e.g. trade marks, patents, designs, copyright and related rights (performers and broadcasters rights), trade secrets, geographical indications, indigenous knowledge systems, regional and international systems.

Interested persons are invited to make written comments regarding these draft Patents Regulations within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of publication of this notice to:

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