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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

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RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AND FOR DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL USE FROM THE GAMTOOS RIVER GOVERNMENT WATER SCHEME (THE KOUGA DAM AND THE GAMTOOS CANAL) IN THE FISH-TO-TSITSIKAMMA WATER MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA 15) IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

By virtue of the powers vested in me in Section 63, read together with Section 72 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), I, Arnold Michael Muller, in my capacity as Director-General of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry -

- (a) Am of the opinion that a water shortage exists in the Kouga Dam of the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme; and,
- (b) Direct, in terms of Item 6(1)(i) of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act, 1998, that for the period from 1 July 2004 until 30 June 2005, or until any further Notice is published in this regard, that:
 - (i) The taking of water by the Gamtoos Irrigation Board for agricultural use and the towns of Hankey and Patensie for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding uses as described in Schedule 1 of the National Water Act, 1998) from the Kouga Dam be reduced to 45 million cubic metres/annum; and,
 - (ii) The taking of water by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality for domestic and industrial use be restricted to the usage of all of the runoff from the Loerie Dam catchment and the operational spillages from the Gamtoos Canal.

This Notice overrides any other previous authorization issued by the Department relating to this area.

Signed: **A M Muller**

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

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