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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**NO. 4137****1 December 2023****NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO EXTEND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS THE SINGLE REGISTRATION AUTHORITY IN TERMS OF SECTION 24H(3) READ WITH 24H(6) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998, FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment hereby consult on my intention to extend the appointment of the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa, as a single registration authority, in terms of section 24H(3), read with section 24H(6), of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) for a period of 2 years.

The Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa was appointed as the single registration authority for a period of five years, with effect from 8 February 2018 until 7 February 2023, whereafter the period of appointment was extended until 7 February 2024. Since the Department is still in the process of considering options for the long-term regulation of environmental assessment practitioners and determining whether law reform, which is a lengthy process, would be required, the intention is to further extend the period of appointment of EAPASA until 7 February 2026.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or inputs, within 30 days after the publication of this Notice in the *Government Gazette*, to the following addresses:

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Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Alvan Gabriel at agabriel@dffe.gov.za or 066 081 9554. Comments or inputs received after the closing date may be disregarded.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto are collated into a comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/organisation, being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted in response to this Government Notice.



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