NOTICE 543 OF 2013

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (DAFF) DRAFT NATIONAL VELD AND FOREST FIRE AMENDMENT BILL, 2013 INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

I, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby invite all interested institutions, organizations and individuals to submit written comments on the National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill.

Some of the key amendments of the National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill include:

Clear definition of the veldfire

- Provision for the penalty to the state, state owned entity and municipalities for not acquiring membership of the Fire Protection Association.
- Assignment, delegations and administration of matters pertaining to veld and forest fire management to MECs and municipal councils
- Provisions for the establishment of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forestry Resources
- Provisions for the establishment and functioning of the Forestry Resources Review Board

Copies of the Legislation amendment may be obtainable from the Directorate Forestry Regulation, email: Shumanid@daff.gov.za and LukeR@daff.gov.za from the DAFF website (www.daff.gov.za).

Please follow the steps below to view the draft Amendment Bill from the website:

Step one: Open the DAFF website, <u>www.daff.gov.za</u>

Step two: On the left menu click on Legislation

Step three: Select Bills

Step four : Open the Forestry Amendment Bill

Interested stakeholders wishing to comment are kindly requested to forward their written comments to the Directorate: Forestry Regulation and Oversight 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 5840; or

Email to:

shumanid@daff.gov.za or LukeR@daff.gov.za

Please note that comments received after the closing date may be disregarded. The Directorate Forestry Regulation may be reached at Tel. (012) 309 5765 or 309 5756 for any enquires.

C. DENTISTS FOR ELECTION BY DENTISTS

Name of Nominated Persons	Address
No nomination was submitted /received.	No address

As the persons validly nominated in category B does not exceed the number of persons to be elected, the persons so nominated are deemed to be dully elected.

As the number of persons validly nominated in category exceeds the number of persons to be elected, Friday the 5th of July 2013 at 16h00 has been determined by the Returning Officer as being the day on or before which every person entitled to vote at this election may sign and transmit to either the Street or Postal Address indicated herein below, a voting paper described in the regulations. Voting papers will be posted on the day of the publication of this notice to the people who are eligible to vote (Lab Contractors).

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