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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 1171 OF 2007

#### MINISTRY FOR PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT, 2004

#### GAZETTE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

1. I, Fholisani Sydney Mufamadi, acting in terms of section 84(b) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004) and in concurrence of the Minister of Finance as required through section 20 of the Act, hereby publish for comment the draft notice contained in the attached Schedule.
2. Comments must be in writing to –

The Director-General  
Attention: Mr. Mizilikazi Manyike  
Department of Provincial and Local Government  
Private Bag X 804  
**PRETORIA**  
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3. Comments may be faxed to (012) 334 4878 or e-mailed to [mpira@dplg.gov.za](mailto:mpira@dplg.gov.za)
4. No comments, which are received after 31 January 2008, will be considered.

## SCHEDULE

### INTERPRETATION

#### Definitions

1. In these regulations, a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, has that meaning, and unless the context indicates otherwise, -
  - “**Act**” means the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004);
  - “**agricultural property**” means property envisaged in section 8(2)(d)(i),(e) and (f)(i) of the Act;
  - “**business and commercial property**” means properties envisaged in section 8(2) (c), (d) (ii), and (f) (iv) of the Act;
  - “**industrial property**” means property envisaged in section 8(2)(b),and(f)(iii) of the Act;
  - “**mining property**” means property on which an operation or activity of extracting minerals is conducted and includes any operation or activity incidental thereto;
  - “**public benefit organisation property**” means property owned by a public benefit organisation and used for any specified public benefit activities listed in Part I of the Ninth Schedule to the Income Tax Act;
  - “**state owned property**” means property owned by the state excluding the kinds of publicly controlled infrastructure listed in the definition of public service infrastructure.

**NOTICE ON THE DETERMINATION OF UPPER LIMIT ON THE  
PERCENTAGE BY WHICH RATES ON PROPERTIES OR A RATE ON A  
SPECIFIC CATERGORY OF PROPERTIES MAY BE INCREASED**

**Upper limits on the percentage by which rates on properties may be  
increased**

2. (1) The percentage by which rates on properties or a rate on a specific category of properties may be increased annually is set at the consumer price index (excluding interest rate on mortgage bonds) as published by Statistics South Africa in February of every year or in the absence of such publication, the last consumer price index before February of that year.