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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED PUBLISHED KAROO CENTRAL ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREAS REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF THE ASTRONOMY GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE ACT, 2007.

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology, in accordance with section 42 of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007 (Act No. 21 of 2007) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), give notice of public hearings to be held on the proposed published Regulations on the Protection of the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Areas. Notices of the Minister's intention to make regulations were published in Government Gazette number 39442, under Notice number 1166, on 23 November 2015.

On 11 December 2015, in Government Gazette number 39505, under Notice number 1229, I published a notice extending the period for the submission of written representations or objections to the proposed regulations by a further thirty (30) days, which extended period expired on 22 February 2016.

On 20 April 2016, in Government Gazette number 39939, under Notice number 453, I published a notice providing a further extension for the submission of written representations or objections to the proposed regulations by an additional sixty (60) days. Public participation workshops on the regulations were held at Carnarvon, Williston, Brandvlei, Kenhardt and Vanwyksvlei.

I have decided, in accordance with section 42 (3) of the Act that public hearings should be held to allow any interested or affected parties to present oral representations or objections to the Minister. I have designated Prof JCW van Rooyen SC to conduct the hearings.

Any interested or affected party who wishes to make an oral representation must inform the contact person stated below on or before 20 September 2016 in order that the necessary scheduling may be done. A period of thirty (30) minutes will be provided for any one oral submission.

Members of the public, including interested and affected parties, are invited to attend the public hearings, which will be convened as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
13 October 2016	Pretoria: CSIR Convention Centre	10h00 till 17h00
20 October 2016	Carnarvon : SASSA Hall	10h00 till 17h00

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