

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 29 OF 1996)**REGULATIONS RELATING TO COMPETENT PERSONS FOR EXPLOSIVES**

I, **Mr. S G MANTASHE**, Minister of Mineral Resources, under section 98(1) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No. 29 of 1996) and after consultation with the Council, hereby amend Chapter 22 of the regulations made in terms of the Mine Health and Safety Act, by replacing the existing regulations with the regulations as set out in the Schedule. This notice shall take effect three months after its publication.


S G MANTASHE**MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

SCHEDULE

REGULATION AMENDMENTS

CHAPTER 22

SCHEDULES

Amendment of Chapter 22 of the regulations

Chapter 22 of the regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for chapter 22 of the following regulations

SCHEDULES

22.4 Competent persons for explosives

22.4.1 For purposes of regulation 4.4(1) “**competent person**” means a person who is a holder of the following certificates recognized by the **Department** for this purpose, valid for the class of **mine** to which the **mine** belongs:

- (a) Blasting certificate issued by the **Department** until 30 June 2009; or
- (b) Rock breaker or equivalent certificate issued by the Mining Qualifications Authority from 01 July 2009 to 31 May 2017; or
- (c) Blasting certificate issued by the **Department** with effect from 01 June 2017.

22.4.2 For the purposes of regulation 4.4(3) “**competent person**” means a person who:

- (a) has been assessed and found competent against a skills programme issued by the Mining Qualifications Authority for this purpose; or
- (b) is qualified by:
 - (i) virtue of his/her knowledge, training, skills and experience to perform the activities contemplated in regulation 4.4(3);

- (ii) being familiar with the provisions of regulation 4 which apply to the work to be performed by such person; and
- (iii) being trained to recognise any potential or actual danger to health or safety that may arise from the work to be performed by such person.