



To whom it may concern

DECISION I.T.O. SECTION 47C OF NEMA TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAMES APPLICABLE IN TERMS OF NEMA AND THE EIA REGULATIONS AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 NATION-WIDE 21-DAY LOCKDOWN PERIOD

The declaration of a National State of Disaster on 15 March 2020¹ as well as well the Nation-Wide 21-Day Lockdown for the period 27 March 2020 to 16 April 2020² refer.

1. Section 47C of the of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) states:

47C. Extension of time periods

The Minister or an MEC may extend, or condone a failure by a person to comply with, a period in terms of this Act or a specific environmental management Act, except a period which binds the Minister or MEC.

2. NEMA defines "*this Act*" as "*includes the schedules, and regulations and any notice issued under the Act*".
3. Due to the special circumstances caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Nation-Wide 21-Day Lockdown period, **I hereby, in terms of Section 47C of NEMA in terms of all matters for which I am the Competent Authority, extend all timeframes in terms of NEMA and the EIA Regulations for actions and processes affected by the 21-Day Lockdown period by two months effective from (and including) 27 March 2020 to (and including) 26 May 2020.**

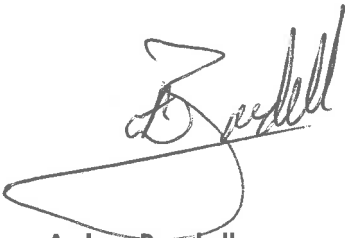
¹ Government Gazette No. 43096 of 15 March 2020 refers.

(Available at: http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43096_15-3_CoOperativeGovTradAff.pdf)

² The Statement by President Cyril Ramaphosa on Escalation of Measures to Combat COVID-19 Epidemic of 23 March 2020 refers. (Available at: <http://www.thepresidency.gov.za/speeches/statement-president-cyril-ramaphosa-escalation-measures-combat-covid-19-epidemic%2C-union>)

4. The two months extension does not apply to actions related to decisions issued after the 21-Day Lockdown period.
5. No extension will not apply to matters related to Section 28, 30 and 31 of NEMA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Bredell', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Anton Bredell

MINISTER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Date: 26/3/2020