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INFORMATION ALERT:

NATIONAL WATER ACT 36 OF 1998: GENERAL AUTHORISATIONS

GENERAL AUTHORISATION FOR IMPEDING OR DIVERTING THE FLOW OF WATER IN A WATERCOURSE OR ALTERING THE BED, BANKS, COURSE OR CHARACTERISTICS OF A WATERCOURSE

On 26 August 2016 in Government Gazette 40229 Notice Number 509 the acting Director-General of the Department of Water and Sanitation published the revised General Authorisation in terms of section 39 of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA) for Water Uses as defined in section 21(c) or 21(i) of the NWA. This notice replaces Government Gazette 32805 Notice Number 1199 dated 18 December 2009 and comes into effect immediately.

GENERAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE TAKING AND STORAGE OF WATER

On 2 September 2016 in Government Gazette 40243 Notice Number 538 the acting Director-General of the Department of Water and Sanitation published the revised General Authorisation for the Taking and Storage of Water. This notice will replace Government Gazette 26817 Notice Number 399 dated 26 March 2004 and the extension of the general authorisation

published in Government Gazette 35909 Notice Number 970 dated 30 November 2012 when it comes into effect. This General Authorisation will come into effect 6 months after the date of publication i.e. 2 March 2017.

IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd (www.imbewu.co.za) will be hosting an information and discussion session on the revised General Authorisations and their implications in October 2016. Details on the discussion session will be distributed in due course.

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