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NOTICE 354 OF 2009**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY****BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 14 of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003) I, Mandisi Mpahlwa, Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby determine that-

- (a) From the 1st of August 2009, only BEE verification certificates issued by Accredited Verification Agencies or Verification Agencies that are in possession of a valid pre-assessment letter from South African National Accreditation Systems will be valid;
- (b) despite the provision in paragraph (a) above, all verification certificates issued by non-accredited verification agencies prior to the date of this publication, will remain valid for 12 months from the date of issue;
- (c) the period of validity of the certificates contemplated in paragraph (a) above, will be 12 months from the date of issue; and
- (d) this Notice is effective from the date of this publication.



MANDISI MPAHLWA
MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

DATE: 23-03-2009