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**WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION ACT, 1999 (No. 49 of 1999)
PROCLAMATION OF VREDEFORT DOME AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

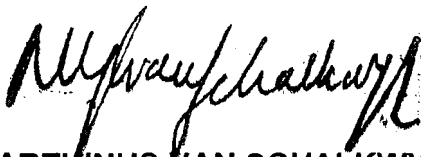
I, Marthinus Christoffel Johannes van Schalkwyk, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, hereby declare by virtue of the powers vested in me by sections 1(xxiv)(a)(i) and 5(b) of the World Heritage Convention Act, 1999 (Act 49 of 1999) that I intend proclaiming Vredefort Dome as described in the Annexure below as a World Heritage Site.

Interested and affected parties are invited to submit written representations on or objections to the proposed notice within 30 days from the date of this notice, by submitting it to the following address:

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Submissions received after the closing date may not be considered.



**MARTHINUS VAN SCHALKWYK, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM
DATE: 07/12/07**

ANNEXURE

DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE SITE**Name of the site:**

Vredefort Dome

Provinces:

Border of Free State and North West

Exact location on map with geographical coordinates:Location of the site:

The Vredefort Dome straddles the westerly flowing Vaal River, which also forms the administrative boundary of the North West Province and the Free State Province, South Africa. It is located approximately 120 km to the south and west of Johannesburg. Covering a total area of 30,111 ha, the property includes a main core component of 30,108 ha, and three smaller (each 1 ha in size) component sites - two to the west, and one to the south east of the core area. The southern boundary of the core component area lies about 6 km to the north of the town of Vredefort, and the northern boundary is about 26 km to the north of the town. The eastern boundary is found 5 km from the town of Parys, with its western boundary located some 19 km from the town.

Geographical Coordinates:

The site is located on the 1:50 000 South African Topocadastral Map Series on the maps:
2627CC Skandinawiëdrift
2627CD Parys

The description of the boundaries:

The site consists of a core area, a buffer zone and three satellite sites as indicated on the attached map.

The core area:

The core of the Vredefort Dome is situated between 26° 59' and 26° 45' Southern Latitude, and between 27° 11' and 27° 26' Eastern Longitude.

The boundaries of the core area are as follows:

Commencing from its north-western corner moving in an anti-clockwise direction:

- Starting at point A, the intersection of the road R53 and the road D1673 (commonly known as the Schoemansdrift road), proceed in a south-westerly direction with the road D1673 up to point B, the intersection with the road D85 (the Potchefstroom/Venterskroon road).
- From point B, proceed with the road D85 in a north-westerly direction up to point B', the intersection with the road P89/2 (the Potchefstroom/Schoemansdrift road).
- From point B', proceed in a southerly direction with the Potchefstroom/Schoemansdrift road (roads D85 and then D1673), as to include the Schoemansdrift low water bridge, up to point C, the intersection with the road S80 (the Schoemansdrift/Parys road).
- From point C, proceed in an easterly direction with the Schoemansdrift/Parys road (the roads S80 and then S210), up to point D, the south eastern corner of the farm Daskop 1103.
- From point D, extend the eastern boundary of the farm Daskop 1103 in a straight line in a north-eastern direction (as to include the farm Daskop 1103), up to point E, where it intersects with the road D696 (Kopjeskraal road).
- From point E, proceed with the road D696 in a northerly and then road D2790 in an easterly direction up to point F, the intersection with the road R53.
- From point F, proceed with the road R53 in a north-westerly direction up to the starting point at point A.

Three satellite sites described by respectively:

- SG Diagram 2960/2006 and SG Diagram 2961/2006 of 5092 square meters
- SG Diagram 3009/2006 of 9759 square meters
- SG Diagram 2916/2006 of 9772 square meters

The Buffer Zone:

The buffer zone consists of a zone of 5 km around the core. Moving in a clockwise direction:

- Starting at point G and follow a buffer zone of 5 km around the core up to point H.
- From point H follow roads up to point J.
- From point J follow cadastral boundaries up to point K.
- From point K follow a buffer zone of 5 km around the core up to the starting point at G.

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES (WGS 1984)

LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
27.27332	-26.75649	G	Starting at point G and follow a buffer zone of 5 km around the core up to point H.
27.27469	-26.75402		
27.27588	-26.75130		
27.27743	-26.74833		
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27.28670	-26.73555		

27.28882	-26.73329
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27.29353	-26.72918
27.29609	-26.72733
27.29879	-26.72565
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H From point H follow roads up to point J.

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J From point J follow cadastral boundaries up to point K.

K From point K follow a buffer zone of 5 km around the core up to the starting point at G

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Map of inscribed site

