GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF 2009

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 LIST 1: CATEGORIES OF SPECIES EXEMPTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 66

I, Marthinus Christoffel Johannes van Schalkwyk, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, under section 66 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) publish for public comment, a draft list of exempted categories of species in the Schedule.

Any person who wishes to submit written representations or comments in connection with the draft regulations are invited to do so within 30 days of the date of this notice. All written representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

By post to: The Director-General Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

Private Bag X447

Pretoria, 0001 Attention: Mr Bonani Madikizela

Delivered to: The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Attention: Bonani Madikizela Fedsure Building 315 Pretorius Street **PRETORIA**

By fax to: (012) 320 2733, and by e-mail to bmadikizela@deat.gov.za

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

MARTHINUS VAN SCHALKWYK

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

SCHEDULE

LIST 1: Exempted species

The following categories of alien species are exempted from the provisions of section 66(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004):

- 1. Dead specimens of any alien species.
- 2. Any alien species that has been legally introduced into South Africa prior to the commencement of the Regulations and that is not a listed invasive species, including any species imported for agricultural purposes.
- 3. Any alien species that—
 - (a) has been subjected to a risk assessment and deemed suitable for importation; or
 - (b) is listed in a register established and maintained by the Institute of alien species legally imported into the Republic for the first time after the date of publication of the regulations.