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NOTIFICATION FOR APPLICATIONS CLOSURE DATES FOR 2026

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SAHRA SAHRIS APPLICATION CLOSURE NOTICES 2026

To whom it may concern,

Please take note of the following details with regards to all permit applications, section 9 alienation applications and section 38 development applications submitted to SAHRA for 2026:

Application	Date of closure	Applications Open
Research, export and alteration permits (S27, 32 and 35, as well as S27, S30, S34 & S37 for the Northern Cape Province)	18th November 2026	4th January 2027
Section 9 alienation applications	18th November 2026	4th January 2027
Section 36(4) permits (not related to developments)	15th December 2026	4th January 2027
Section 38(1) NIDs	4th December 2026	4th January 2027
Review of Section 38(1) HIAs	18th November 2026	4th January 2027
Section 38(1) and 38(8) related mitigation permits	18th November 2026	4th January 2027
Section 38(8) applications*	14th November 2026	6th January 2027
Section 44(2) consultation	19th October 2026	4th January 2027

- * Section 38(8) applications closure are in line with section 3 of the NEMA EIA regulations with regards to Public Commenting Periods closing for the Festive Season i.e. no commenting period may include the days between 15 December and 5 January, and the allowance of a 30-day review.
- The SAHRA offices will be closed from 10am on Monday, 21 December 2026 and will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2027. Please note that staff may take leave before and after those days.
- Applicants may still create applications on SAHRIS during the application closure period, however, if submitted after the above noted dates, please do not expect a response until dates noted in 2027.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer