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**Appointment of the South African Geographical
Names Council (SAGNC) ***

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On the 23 January 2006 the Minister approved the call for nomination for New South African Geographical Names Council.

Adverts for call for nomination were posted on the Sunday Times, City Press (on the 12 February 2006) and also on Beeld on the 13 February 2006. The call for nomination appeared in four languages those were English, Afrikaans, Sesotho and isiZulu.

Only 28 people were nominated by the public, five (5) females and twenty three (23) males

A Panel was appointed by the Minister on the 13 November 2006. The Panel had its meeting on the 31 January 2007.

Taking into consideration lack of representation out of 28 people nominated the Minister recommended to re-open call for nominations on the 3 May 2007. Adverts were placed on the following publications from 22 June 2007 to 01 July 2007, Beeld, Rapport, Die Burger, Sowetan, Pretoria News, Ilanga Lase Natali, Isolezwe, Umafrika, City Press and Sunday Times.

Call for nomination was closed on 13 July 2007 with 57 people nominated by the public, 9 female and 48 males (the sum of 57 is inclusive of 28 people nominated during the first call for nomination).

On the 17 August 2007 the Minister appointed another Panel to assist him with selection process of suitable candidates. The Panel had its meeting on the 19 September 2007.

After taking into consideration recommendations of the Panel, submissions from provinces, Government Departments and Institutions on the 12 October 2007 the Minister appointed the South African Geographical Names Council as following people: Advocate K T Ntsewa, Dr B Meiring, Mr L L Nawa, Mr M Mathebula, Ms M F Sadiki, Prof I J Van Der Merwe, Dr E L Van Harte as Ministerial Appointees. Mr J Strauss (Northern Cape Representative), Mr F Dyubhele (Eastern Cape Representative), Mr S J Monyobo (Free State Representative), Mr M Musitha (Limpopo Representative), Mr S G Mthimunye (Gauteng Representative), Mr V Mdwara (Land Affairs: Chief Directorate of Survey and Mapping Representative), Ms D Mochotlhi (Department of Water Affairs and Forestry Representative), Ms J Mulaudzi (Department of Transport Representative), Advocate S Kholong (Department of Provincial and Local Government Representative), Advocate S Mancotywa (National Heritage Council Representative),