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**PROVINCIAL NOTICE**

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**DECLARATION OF A FREE STATE PROVINCIAL STATE OF DISASTER: VELD FIRES**

Under the powers vested in me by section 41 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), I, Ms SH Ntombela, Premier of the Free State Province, after consultation with other Members of the Executive Council, as a result of runaway veld fires which affected more than 100 000ha of natural grazing and which led to loss of livestock and farm capital and subsequent negative social, economic and environmental impact on Free State farmers, hereby declare a provincial state of disaster.

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