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TO: Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Stakeholder/s

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SUBJECT: INVITATION BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PLANT BREEDERS RIGHTS BILL [B 11B-2015] AND PLANT IMPROVEMENT BILL [B 8B-2015] Section – 76

Dear Value Stakeholder

The Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Portfolio Committee will be undertaking a public engagement process to consider the Plant Improvement Bill and Plant Breeder's Rights Bill, Section 76 Bills. In accordance to Section 114 and Section 118 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, wherein it stipulates that Legislatures should involve the public in the legislative work undertaken by these institutions including decision-making processes.

The Committee therefore wishes to invite you or representatives from your respective organisations to attend public hearings and make inputs on this bills. The objective of the public hearings is to enable the public, stakeholders and all interested parties to make inputs through verbal and written submissions for consideration by the Committee during its deliberations on the bills

Therefore, the Portfolio Committee will convene public hearing as follows:

Bronkhorstspuit Community Hall

Date: Saturday, 12 August 2017

Time: 10H00 – 14H00

Address: 32 Olifant Crescent, stand 34, Bronkhorstspuit

Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality

Stakeholders who intended to make written submissions or formal presentations on the day of the public hearing should send their presentations to lmampe@gpl.gov.za and/or tskosana@gpl.gov.za by Thursday, 10th August 2017. This will afford the Committee time to include such presentations on the programme of the day

Should you require further information or to confirm attendance kindly contact the Committee Coordinator, Ms Lebogang Mampe on tel: 011 498 5996, cell: 071 483 0221, email: lmampe@gpl.gov.za and the Public Participation Officer, Mr Ben Dhlomo on tel: 011 498 5764, cell: 079 522 9131, email: bdhlomo@gpl.gov.za

Copies of the bills are attached to the invite for your perusal and can also be obtained at the Gauteng Provincial Legislature situated at Corner President Street and City Hall Street, Johannesburg CBD.

The Portfolio Committee looks forward to your attendance and inputs during the public hearing on the Plant Improvement Bill and Plant Breeder's Rights Bill as highlighted above.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Errol Magerman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Errol Magerman

**CHAIRPERSON: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
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