CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION BY THE GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENT AND LAND AFFAIRS TO BE DECLARED THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CRADLE OF HUMANKIND WORLD HERITAGE SITE

1. The Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Environment and Land Affairs ("DACEL") has applied to the Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism to be declared the Authority for the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site in terms of section 8 of the World Heritage Convention Act, 1999 (Act No. 49 of 1999) (the "Act").

2. All interested and affected parties, including all affected—
   (a) provinces;
   (b) local governments;
   (c) cultural authorities;
   (d) nature conservation authorities;
   (e) heritage authorities; and
   (f) other organs of state,

are hereby invited to submit written comments or objections regarding the application by DACEL on or before 30 September 2003.

3. All interested and affected parties in 2 above are also hereby invited to attend at and participate in a public hearing to be held at 18h00 on 9 October 2003, at the Dr. Nelson Mandela Community Centre, Plot 8, Cecelia Street, Eldorado (next to Tarlton Police Station), at which hearing the declaration of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Environment and Land Affairs as authority for the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site will be tabled for discussion.

4. The written comments or objections must be addressed to:

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