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Dear Honourable Minister Mr Gwede Mantashe

Re: Notice Inviting Nominations to the Board of the NNR – Affected Communities' Representative

The Southern African Faith Communities Environmental Institute (SAFCEI) would like to put on record that we reject the new call for nominations of suitable candidates to represent communities which may be affected by nuclear activities on the board of the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR).

SAFCEI is of the view that the dismissal of the incumbent director representing affected communities (Mr. P Becker) was flawed, and we note that the Minister's decision to do so has been taken on High Court review by Mr Becker. SAFCEI is also concerned that Mr. Becker was dismissed at a time when the NNR is performing important regulatory functions relating to the proposed extension-of-life of the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station, and the negative impact this dismissal has had on transparency, oversight and accountability.

SAFCEI, and the faith leaders who we represent, will not participate in this process. SAFCEI calls on the Minister to halt this nomination process, and to listen to the voices of affected communities and civil society who are requesting that Mr Becker to be reinstated as the affected community representative on the NNR board.

Sincerely



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