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TO: MINISTER

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT INTEGRATED SOCIAL FACILITATION FRAMEWORK (ISFF) UNTIL 04 JULY 2025

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Acting Head of PMTE	Ms. S. Subban		26-06-2025
Director-General	Mr. L. Mahlangu		26 June 2025
Minister	Mr. D. McPherson		27 June 2025



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT INTEGRATED SOCIAL FACILITATION FRAMEWORK (ISFF) UNTIL 04 JULY 2025
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1. PURPOSE

This memorandum seeks to request an extension of the public and industry comment period for the gazetted Draft Integrated Social Facilitation Framework (ISFF) by one week, until 04 July 2025.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. On 30 May 2021, the Minister approved the gazetting of the Draft Social Facilitation Framework through the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) for public and industry comment (see approved memo as **Annexure A**). The original closing date for comments was 20 June 2025.



- 2.2. Following this, a minor delay occurred as the Government Printing Works was unable to publish the gazette on the same day (i.e., Friday, 30 May 2025). Instead, it was published on Monday, 02 June 2025, thereby reducing the comment period to 19 days instead of the initially intended 21 days.
- 2.3. The gazetted framework was also uploaded to the Department's website, and a communication was sent to all DPWI public entities and built environment professional councils, requesting them to publish it on their respective websites.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1. The Department published the Draft ISFF in Government Gazette No. 52787 (Board Notice 789 of 2025). While the intention was to enable timely consultation, it has become clear that the comment period was insufficient for many stakeholders.
- 3.2. By the closing date, the Department had received 21 comments and submissions. Several stakeholders expressed concern about the limited window for engagement. Many professional bodies, practitioners, civil society organisations, and individuals only became aware of the draft when the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) communicated it on 18 June 2025, just two days before the close of the comment period (see attached communication from the CBE as **Annexure B**). Formal requests for an extension were submitted to allow for more comprehensive and considered input.
- 3.3. The substantial and detailed submissions received on the closing date reflect strong support for the proposed ISFF. Stakeholders from a broad spectrum praised the DPWI's initiative to professionalise Social Facilitation. The framework is widely viewed as timely, strategic, and essential to addressing long-standing challenges in infrastructure delivery.



- 3.4. To ensure the final ISFF is robust, credible, and implementable, and to preempt criticism related to the limited consultation period for such a significant initiative with wide-reaching implications for the infrastructure construction and built environment sectors, we propose an extension.
- 3.5. In WhatsApp correspondence between the CD: PMO (SF) and the Chief of Staff (CoS), the CoS indicated that the extension apply only to those who had requested it. However, this has proven challenging, as only a few individuals in the CIDB and CBE's National Stakeholder Forums explicitly made such requests, though they did so on behalf of their broader sectors. The CIDB has since communicated that an extension has been approved until 04 July 2025 (see CIDB's communication as **Annexure C**). In contrast, the CBE, having received only a few individual requests for an extension until 27 June 2025, has raised concerns. They fear that communicating a different date could cause confusion among stakeholders who are also aware of the CIDB's broader communication, potentially undermining the credibility and transparency of the process.
- 3.6. To ensure consistent and objective messaging, we request that the Minister approve publication of the extension through the Government Gazette. This will cost less about R1,000 and aligns with the original platform used for issuing the ISFF.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The estimated cost of gazetting the extension is approximately R1,000, as it involves publishing a single-page notice.

5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- 5.1. Approves the gazetting of an extension of the comment period for the Draft Integrated Social Facilitation Framework until 04 July 2025, and



- 5.2. Directs the PMO to finalise the analysis and synthesis of additional comments once the extended comment period has closed, and to submit the final draft to the Minister by 11 July 2025.

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CD: PMO

Date: 26 June 2025

Recommendation 5.1. Supported / Not Supported / Supported with comments

Recommendation 5.2. Supported / Not Supported / Supported with comments

Ms. L. Kafilé

DDG: PMO

Date:

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Recommendation 5.2. Supported / Not Supported / Supported with comments

Ms. S. Subban


Acting Head of PMTE

Date: 26-05-2025



Recommendation 5.1 ☒ Supported / Not Supported / Supported with comments

Recommendation 5.2 ☒ Supported / Not Supported / Supported with comments



Mr. L. Mahlangu

Acting Director-General

Date: 26 June 2025

Recommendation 5.1. ☒ Approved / Not Approved / Approved with comments

Recommendation 5.2. ☒ Approved / Not Approved / Approved with comments



Mr. G. Mpherson

Minister

Department of Public Works and Infrastructure

Date: