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Dear Sir,

PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A LOWVELD AND ESCARPMENT REGION.

1. The CDDR's invitation to submit proposals on sensitive areas dated 28th August, 1993 has reference.

Herewith the HSCRD's draft concept proposal for a New 10th â\200\230Lowveld Region, for Urgent submission and consideration by the CDDR.

As explained in this concept proposal, this submission is tabled as a direct result emanating from the needs of the People.

For your information the names of the Members of the HSCRD are attached.

The Hard copy submission will be delivered by Courier.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

J. GELLETICH.  
p.p. HSCRD.

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SUBMISSION TO THE COMMISSION ON THE DEMARCATION/DELIMITATION  
OF REGIONS.

PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A LOWVELD AND ESCARPMENT REGION (BIO REGION)

BY

THE HORDSPRUIT STEERING COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (HSCRD)

#### PREAMBLE

a. This concept proposal is being submitted as a Result of identification of  
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a real need experienced and emanating from "Grass Roots" people, forums and structures. We fully concur with the Commission sentiments that the Local communities have not had an opportunity of being involved in this process: specifically for the reasons suggested in the Commissions additional invitation, of the 28th August, 1993 received in our area of influence on the 8th September, 1993,

Members of the HSCRD have during the past 2 weeks been requested to facilitate, consult and advise various community organisations and structures in the central Lowveld area, at meetings where Region demarcation etc., was under discussion; in particular the sensitive issues of:-

i. The South Eastern districts of Northern Transvaal bordering on Eastern Transvaal.

ii. The Kruger National Park.

Analysis of opinion expressed by a wide number of community structures, and 230 organisations it was blatantly clear that :

The vast number of people in the Lowveld area between the Sabi and Selati Rivers and adjoining escarpment areas (Some 700,000 Souls),

i. Had not been offered the chance to be part of the consultative process. .

ii, Were very much opposed to the presently proposed border delimitations of Regions in their area.

iii. Had very sound argument for either being part of either the Northern

or the Eastern Regions. The majority opting, after debate, for the Eastern Region.

As part of the deadlock breaking deliberations the HSCRD offered a possible solution being that of a New Lowveld Region based on Watershed boundaries i.e. a Total Uniform Natural BioRegion:

i. The merits of this concept were enthusiastically received by both

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solution to the present Unpopular status quo of being linked to either

the greater Northern or Greater Eastern Transvaal regions as presently



constituted. There has Never been any Natural Historic Linkage between the Lowveld/Escarpment areas.and the Highveld areas west of the escarpment of both the Northern and Eastern Transvaal.

#### SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES.

Due to submission dead-line'only summarised concept argument is presented in order to facilitate a favourable decision in principle. Detail and statistics can be made available when required.

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a. REGIONS AT ISSUE. {(See Maps 1, 2 and 3.)

. i, The EASTERN LOWVELD AND ESCARPMENT areas of the NORTHERN (G) & EASTERN (F) TRANSVAAL Region be subtracted from said Regions in the Main along the NATURAL GEOGRAPHIC ESCARPMENT DIVIDE.

ii. This New Region will then further be divided into 3 (Three) Districts delineated along the Main East/West Watersheds.

iii. The Region would thus form a sustainable and viable BIOREGION (Central Savannah Bione) with the RÃ©gion and Districts having control of their Water Resource from catchment to utilisation.

(with the exception of the Olifants)  
NB WATER being the PRIMARY component for LIFE AND LIVELYHOOD.

b. SUBMITTING ORGANISATION.

i. TYPE OF ORGANISATION: The author of this submission is the HOEDSPRUIT STEERING COMMITTEE for REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. A Body of Non-political, Non Racist, Non Sexist individuals who have a vast wealth of experience and expertise, and are actively involved, (since 1990) and action orientated in the Socio Economic upliftment and strategic developmental planning for ALL people in the Area whose credo is 'â\200\230social upliftment and sustainable utilisation of Resources."

ii. MANDATE: As stated in paragraph one, this submission has devolved out of the Community needsj but, based on previous research and planning in persuance of our Ethos. 1In the short time expended thus far on gaining a Mandate, the following organisations have given support to this proposal.

- THE SELAT1 GROUP (Representative of all G.O's & NGO's, political parties. Churches, Commerce and Industry, Civics and Community structures in the PHALABORWA, NAMAKGALE, LULEKANE area.

- PHALABORWA ASSOCIATION FOR TOURISM

- PHALABORWA D.D.A.

- RIGODOB (Regional Interested Group on delimitation of Boundaries)

- LEPELE GROUP (Namphumo Destrict)

- MADECO (Nametja District)

- THE OAKS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- E. TVL CENTRAL LOWVELD COMMUNITY (Notwithstanding their submission to CDDR they also support New Region Tdea)

= KRUGER NATIONAL PARK ditto above



- Certain Members of GAZANKULU Legislative Assembly (Notwithstanding the Ximoko P.P. submission)

3. SUMMARY OF SDR CRITERIOR

a. BOUNDARIES

i. HISTORICALLY



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i, HISTORICALLY it is interesting to note most communities and structures only think back to Ante Homeland legislation i.e. 1969.

However, the Boundaries of the proposed Lowveld Region relate accurately to a Region that for centuries was inhabited by relatively Peaceful and industrious Black tribes, with a well developed culture and advanced techniques in trading, mining, smelting and agriculture. This Population settled mainly in the escarpment area with outlying settlements in the Lowveld proper; were connected mainly to Mining, Smelting and Trading ventures to North and East. The Natural Escarpment boundary (as proposed) protected the Population from the belicose Plundering of the likes of Mzilikatsi.

The Mineral and Animal wealth of the Region attracted White entrepreneurs/Miners and hunters in the later part of the last century. Up until to sixties the OLIFANTS RIVER was a Natural Boundary separating communities to the South, depending on the Pilgrims Rest/Nelspruit area, and, the North to Leydsdorp/Pietersburg. Further North at ELIM the Swiss Missionaries exerted tremendous influence.

Until the completion of the STRYDOM Tunnel and the ABEL ERASMUS Pass The development of the Region was primarily in the South and the North, in districts almost identical to those described in this Proposal. %hzs was due to Access Routes.

The Central District, although served by the Selati Rail line, was until the sixties very inaccessible. Mining and Ranching being the Main development.

Thus the culture has always been a

LOWVELD CULTURE with very few ties to the HIGHVELD West of the Escarpment.

#### ii. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

A. It is envisaged to subtract 14 full Magisterial districts, and 2 portions, from the CDDR Northern Transvaal Region, and 18 full Magisterial districts from the CDDR Eastern Transvaal district for inclusion into The Proposed LOWVELD REGION.

This would reduce Northern Transvaal from 35 to 17 Magisterial Districts and Eastern Transvaal from 26 to 16 Magisterial Districts (See ANNEXURE A) The Proposed LOWVELD REGION would then be comprised of 28 full, magisterial Districts.

(The Albasini portion of Soutpansberg would be incorporated into Thonayandou and the Steel Port portion of SEKHUKHUMELAND would be incorporated into Lydenberg)

C. However, The Lowveld Districts could be rationalised into 9 Senior Magistrates \* Districts with satellite officers ( \* Regional

Status) See Annexure A.1.

#### b. INFRASTRUCTURE

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- ROADS \* Each District has at least 2 Main Trunk Roads entering it from The West, all of which are Scenic drives.



Each district has a Route connecting it to the neighbouring countries.

- Southern District main trunk road PWV/MAPUTO.
- Central District proposed Link Phalaborwa/Mozambique
- Northern District via N1 to Zimbabwe.

All Zimbabwe traffic to NATAL or MAPUTO can use the R36 via TZANEEN branching to various routes at the ABEL ERASMUS PASS.

The proposed Link between GIYANI and PHALABORWA will open a second route for both Tourism and Trade.



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The Main N/S link, Selati line, . between Northern Transvaal and Zimbabwe to Mapoto, meets -

The Main E/W line from PWV to Maputo at Malelane.

There are also Spur Lines linking Phalaborwa to Hoedspruit (N/S Trunk) - Lydenberg Steelport to Belfast (E/W Trunk) - Graskop to Nelspruit (E/W Trunk)

MAINTENANCE of Road and Rail and Rail Network would be centralised and administered from the existing circuit officers from Nelspruit.

Only major airports are indicated on map.

Each District would have at least 2/3 airfields from which a Local scheduled service could operate eg:

NORTHERN DISTRICT Tzaneen (existing)

Giyani (proposed/alternate)

Thohoyandou ( proposed/alternate)

CENTRAL DISTRICT Phalaborwa (existing)

Hoedspruit ( Å» )

Lydenburg (proposed/alternate)

SOUTHERN DISTRICT Nelspruit (existing)

Komatipoort (proposed)

Barbeton (proposed/alternate)

The above schedule coverage would adequately cover Tourist and Local govt., Business needs both for Egress and/or Feeder services.

The existing Air Base at Hoedspruit can be utilised both for Military and Civil use as per the Munich (Germany) model.

Regional AIRSPACE /AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL can be effected from the EXISTING S A A F FACILITIES at Hoedspruit and MARIEPSKOP.

The upgrading of S A A F Hoedspruit airport to INTERNATIONAL STATUS is highly feasible and is beautifully positioned in the Absolute centre of the Region for Feeder Services.

~ Hoedspruit is at a optimum (Low= altitude for large Jets to operate with respect to Pressure altitude.

Hoedspruit would then be the Major central Airfreight export airfield for perishable agricultural products from all areas in Region.

Hoedspruit is at the centre of the Feeder road network at a low altitude therefore facilitating loaded road freight Transport in the delivery run. i.e. No mountain passes to halt loaded freight carriers over, which is happening at present.

Hoedspruit is a Safe airport as it is not in a Built-up or mountainous area with a clement climate with an average of more than 300 Visual Flight Regulation flying days per year.

By Hoedspruit being part of a New Region it would not compete with funding (fiscus or private) with other (International) Airports in the Same Region vide the Pietersburg initiative.

There is at present intensive negotiation with respect to export of fruit and vegetables to Persfan Gulf by Air from Hoedspruit



S.A.A.F. Airfield.

(See Map 5)

The New proposed Lowveld Region is blessed with a vast Reserve of Industrial and Base Minerlas, in some cases an almost inexhaustable Resource.



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The Central District is the most endowed mineralised district, with the Largest deposits in Southern Africa of Copper Vermiculite, Chrome tite Dimen8ion::Stone, Granites Asbestos, Antimone Phos tes and Aluminium Cther minerals of importance are listed on Map 5.,

The Mining industry in the Proposed Region is a multi Billion Rand infrastruc tur dedicated to supplying all of R.S.A. needs as well as export. With lifting of sanctions the future expert markets especially to India on the Pacific rim holds a great future.

With imminent normalisation of Maputo - this Port will revert to its Traditional role of the export Port of the Regions' Minerals.

Local Mining industry is also gearing itself to beneficiate raw minerals from other Regions/African states for value-added export.

Local Mining Industry covers the Broad spectrum of activities from "Cousin Jack", to underground, to opencast (Largest in Southern hemisphere) to HiTech mining and beneficiation Operations.

AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRY (See Map 6)  
AGRICULTURE

\* The proposed Region is very strong in Agriculture being National leaders in FORESTRY, CITRUS and TROPICAL FRUITS. Sugar is also a Major contribution to the G.D.P.

The SUPPORT SERVICES, canning, packing, refinery, lumber mills, pulp & paper are well developed.

Envisaged perishable exporis:specifically from Hoedspruit SAAF Airfield, Because of the slight climatic variances of the Region a steady year round export of various perishables is ensured.

The Region already boosts RESEARCH INSTITUTES for Citrus, Tropical Fruit and Lumber.

With the imminent normalisation of MAPUTO Harbour and the intention of OUTSPAN INTERNATIONAL to take over operational control of the Ports'Citrus Pack House it is estimated that the export capability will rise to 5 Million cartons per annum. Again the port will revert to the traditional role of the Regions' Export Port for Citrus.

## INDUSTRY

\* The proposed Lowveld Region does not have (by definition) any HEAVY INDUSTRIAL Centres, with the exception of The Copper Smelters and proposed Aluminium Plant at Phalaborwa and the furrochrome smelter at Lydenberg.

However, it has well developed and balanced LIGHT SUPPORT INDUSTRIES at Nelspruit, Lydenburg, White River, Phalaborwa, Tzaneen and Thohoyandou that



serve local needs adequately. of

The potential for future developmentsâ\200\231iIGHT MANUFACTURING industries inRegion is good Specifically to add to the value-added potential of servicing the Tourist Industry.

The above is also probably the most important factor in the creation of Job opportunities, specifically in the informal section.

#### TOURISM & CONSERVATION

\* It is for this subject, TOURISM AND CONSERVATION, especially for CONSERVATION, ALONE that THE DECISION MAKERS OF THE CDDR SHOULD APPROVE THE CREATION OF A SINGLE LOWVELD REGION without further argument.



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- The Proposed Lowveld Region has NOT been DEVOLVED out of Politics, economic factors, convenient man-made Boundaries on,avorice intentions of Multi National Companies or Individualsi-
- It is a NATURAL HOLISTIC area BORN out of Natural Boundaries formed by Mother Nature (with the exception of the Mozambican and Swaziland Borders)
- - It is a TOTAL NATURAL BIOREGION that can be MANAGED AND SUSTAINABLY EXPLOITED

to the benefit of the undivided Region in particular, and,the country in general.

- It forms the peripheral Greater Zone to the National and World Heritage of the Kruger National Park. A Conservation area that should not be split into two Regions because of shortsighted fiscal reasons.

The proposed Lowveld Region would present a total ECODESTINATION unsurpassed in the World; with a mind boggeling diversity of culture, fauna, flora and Geomopholical features.

The proposed Lowveld Region lends itself to sustainable exploitation based on Conservation ofthe Heritage. See map 7 for example of how the Central District is utilised " Cheek on Jowl" with Agricultural and Mining exploitation.

By having a New Lowveld Region the opportunities and initiatives of the Kruger National Park with respect to Sharing the Parks'wealth with contiguous population would be simplified with respect to Planning, decision meking and execution. Furthermore their traditional supply lines (from Nelspruit area) would not be affected and their administration would not be disrupted.

The proposed Region already has a sophisticated Tourist industry whose potential and further development and enlargement is not fully exploited. At present two different regions are competing for and marketing a dislocated area. If the marketing thrust was for a Single BioRegion/Ecodestination,from One Authority, the cost effectiveness of such a Marketing drive would be far more successful.

#### REGIONAL STRUCTURES

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#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- It is envisaged that Nelspruit be the Regional Local Government "Capital'
- District Administration Centers for:
  - Southern District : Barbeton, Matsolo, Xomatipoort, white River, Skakusa, Sabi & Mkuhlu and BushBuck Ridge.
  - Central District : Phalaborwa, Hoedspruit, Thulamahashe, Acornhoek, Lydenburg, Burgersfort, Burgersdorp, Satara.
  - Northern District : Tzaneen, Giyani, Thohoyandou and Letaba.

Devolve to Lower L.G. on existing Line function in Region.



## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

As per Annexure A 1.

## POLICE SERVICES/CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION

Integrate: SAP, Gazankula, Kangwane, Venda, Lebowa formations under a Regional Commissioner in Nelspruit with assimilation of existing line function throughout Region. .

## DEFENCE

G.O.C Headquarters in Nelspruit assimilating existing line function in Region with intergration of Venda Defence Force.

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE



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#### HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

. - Two thirds of the proposed region already use Nelspruit Hospital for referrals.

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Therefore use Nelspruit for Commissioner of Health.  
- Each district has an existing provincial Hospital.

#### ROADS AND RAIL

As previously discussed.

#### CIVIL AVIATION :

In order to keep SAAF Hoedspruit economically viable it is recommended that all air traffic control be handled on a contract basis by the SAAF.

#### EDUCATION

- Depending on Central Government Policy assimilate all existing structures under one co-ordinating commissioner situated in Giyani.

- Establish a tertiary education body -â\200\235Univeraity of The LowvelddÃ©with Registrar, chancellor and administration at Giyani with Campuses at:

THOAYANDOU: Specialiâ\202-y - Cultural History

GIYANI: Speciality \* = Political Science and Administration

PHALABORWA: Speciality - = Conservation and Mining Rehabilitation.

HOEDSPRUIT: Aeronautical

(Mariepskop PS)Gymnasium (Std 8 - post matric) Underwing of SAAF

MATSOLO: Speciality : Game and Sub Tropical Agriculture

The Tertiary Education accommodation could be the Redundant/Recycle Government Buildings at Thohaydou, Giyani and Matsolo. At Phalaborwa use the Special Forces "Camp" infrastructure, At Hoedspruit usethe Mariepskop Primary School at Kampersrus.

#### C. DEMOGRAPHICS (See Map 8)

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#### POPULATION:

The population ofthe New Lowveld Region is estimated at 3.7 Million and is made up of 5 ethnic groups, i.e. Venda, Gazankulu, Kangwane, Lebowa (part%Whites with a small minority of Asians. The apparent hetrogeneouses is an historic.fallacyâ\200\231 as for centuries all the groups have shared the Region with no detrimental consequence. Infact there has been a2 historic vibrant interaction between all



groups with respect to trade and culture.

#### CULTURE:

The culture is a cohesive factor, being effectively homogeneous in its diversity, This comment has pertinantly been brought home to the Author from attending grass - roots community meetings. The majority of people in the Region are proud of the fact that there is no climate of distrust or violence born out of ethnic or cultural differences. The Region as proposed, though extremely densely populated is free of violence. A situation which is championed by the grass-root g communities. N

The diversity of culture in the Area, is in fact, a recognised marketable Asset by the people, and is being willingly self-exploited e.g. The Venda Mystique, the Modadji Rain Makers, the Tsonga and Kanguane Herbalists, National Dress, Carving and Weaving, the Sotho (Bapedi) Smithies, Tinkers and Beadwork. Each group has Ethnic kraals open to visiting public.

#### LANGUAGE:

The foregoing comments on population and culture are similar.

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As a result of centuries of traditional occupation of this Area by All Groups, there is a tremendous natural sense of Believing in the Whole area as proposed.

#### DISLOCATION OF SERVICES:

The proposed Lowveld Region will REDRESS the present state of dislocation of services and minimise inconvenience to the vast majority of inhabitants in their day-to-day occupations.

At present the vast majority of Persons naturally gravitate to the SOch (Nelspruit Area) for supplies, specialised Health services etc. -

Thus the wider Tax contribution reflected by V.A.T. goes to Nelspruit area (E. Tvl Old Region F) but the Regional Income Tax goes to Pietersburg (N. Tvl Old Region G)

It has been a longstanding complaint that The Central and Northern districts of the Lowveld pay their Taxes to the Highveld Regions but very few benefits filter back. Pietersburg is always cited as the worst example,

#### ECONOMIC VIABILITY

i. The foregoing argument in General terms, is convincing enough that the proposed Lowveld Region if treated and managed as a BioRegion is totally economically viable. Due to dead-line submission statistical spread-sheets have not been produced but will follow shortly; conclusively proving the Economic Viability of the Region.

ii. There is an effective trade-off between the effected existing Regions and the Proposed Lowveld Region, vide.

- Northern Transvaal will lose the N. Eastern Lowveld section (part of Sub Region 4 and Sub Region 5) which is the most densely populated area in the "CDDR" N. Tvl proposal; - but it will keep its Economic/Industrial Engine of Pietersburg? effectively N. Tvl gross G.D.P. will drop by some R650 to R700 Million but because of population decrease their per capita G.D.P. will rise dramatically.

- The proposed "CDDR" E., Tvl will retain all the Highveld areas and its economic/industrial engine of Middelburg/Witbank; but will lose the Lowveld Nelspruit Region. The effect will be a prorata reduction in

and the economic/industrial engine of The Central District.

#### i. DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS: i g

\* As an autonomous BioRegion the proposed Lowveld Region will control its water resource, which is the primary factor for future development planning.

\* The HSCRD has already initiated via the CSIR studies and programs for the greater beneficial storage and use of Water in the proposed Central district. :

\* Contained in the foregoing the desirable development options are numerous in the Mining Manufacturing and Tourism Industries.

\* Cognisance must be taken that the 3 Major Regional industries of Mining



Agriculture and Tourism/Conservation are alive, vibrant and expanding as well as being expertly and successfully managed. Therefore, because of this, sourcing of developmental funding becomes a whole lot more feasible and simplified because of an excellent track record.



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#### CONCLUSION

The local ground swell of acceptance of this Proposed Lowveld Region is

aining popular acceptance daily. It would also be an "Africa Fiprst" pPossibly  
i, "World First", where at last)a Region could be naturally adapted, not  
certificially created, that is a totally self supporting BioRegion which would

It would be a Region of SYMBIOTIC existence of Conservation, Mining and-  
Agriculture which is also economically viable.

The Commission on SDR's is exhorted to take Urgent and Serious cogniasance of  
the foregoing and allow the Process for Accepting this Regional concept to  
succeed.



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ANNEXURE A.

. PROPOSED LOWVELD REGION BY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

(Indicating the Subtractions in Brackets from Northern Tvl  
and Eastern Tvl as per C.D.D.R Proposal.)

NORTHERN TRANSVAAL LOWVELD EASTERN TRANSVAAL

(Giyani) Gaz, " Giyani  
(Thohayandou) Ven > Thohayandou Balfour  
(Malamulele) Gaz \_\_\_\_\_ Malamulele Standerton  
(Soutpansberg KNP) \_\_\_\_\_ Soutpansberg KNP VolksRust  
(Boloedu) Leb \_\_\_\_ Boloedu Highveld Ridge  
(Letaba 1 & 2) \_\_\_\_ Letaba 1 & 2 Bethal  
(Ritavi 1 & 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Ritavi 1 & 2 Ermelo  
(Phalaborwa) & Phalaborwa Amersfort  
(Namakgale) Leb \_\_\_\_\_ Namakgale Wakkeratroom  
(Lulekane) Gaz , Lulekane Piet Retief  
(Maphuno 1 & 2) Lebâ\200\224â\200\224â\200\224 Maphuno 1 & 2 Carolina  
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Waterberg  
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a. Total Magisterial districts as per "CDDR" E & N.Tvl Proposal

35 Nil 26

Total Magisterial districts as per "HSCRD" N.Tvl, E.Tvl, Lowveld Proposal

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Under proposed Lowveld Region' uagisterial districts may be rationalised into 9  
Districts.







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ANNEXURE A.1.

. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT RATIONALISATION.

PROPOSED LOWVELD REGION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

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