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**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

NO. 1527

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**DECLARATION OF AN AMNESTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 139 OF THE FIREARMS CONTROL ACT, 2000 (ACT NO. 60 OF 2000)****MINISTRY OF POLICE**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 139(1) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000), I General Bhekokwakhe Hamilton Cele, Minister of Police, hereby declare an amnesty as defined in section 138 of the said Act.

Under section 139(2)(b) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000, I determine the period during which persons may apply for amnesty to commence on 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020.

Under section 139(2)(c) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000, I determine the conditions under which amnesty will be granted, to be as follows:

- (a) A written application for amnesty by an applicant must, with the exception of the police stations set out in the Annexure, be handed to the duly appointed Designated Amnesty Officer at any police station in the Republic of South Africa. The application must state the full names, identity or passport number and residential address of the applicant, as well as the type, calibre, make, model and all marked serial numbers or other identification marks on the firearm or the particulars of the ammunition;
- (b) The firearm or ammunition concerned must be surrendered by the applicant to the Designated Amnesty Officer at the relevant police station and the Designated Amnesty Officer must issue a receipt in respect of such firearm or ammunition to the applicant; and
- (c) An applicant for amnesty who wishes to apply for a licence to possess the firearm surrendered by him or her as contemplated in section 139(4) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000, must when surrendering the firearm, in writing, for a licence to possess the firearm. The application for a licence must be lodged within 14 days from the date on which the firearm was surrendered with the relevant Designated Firearms Officer (the



relevant Designated Firearms Officer has the meaning assigned to it in the Firearms Control Regulations, 2004).

- (d) An application contemplated in section 139(4)(a) of the said Act shall not apply to illegal firearms where documentary proof of previous ownership cannot be produced.

I further determine that the South African Police Service must conduct ballistic tests on all firearms surrendered in terms of this amnesty, and if an application for a licence to possess the firearm as contemplated in paragraph (c) of this Notice is not duly lodged, or has not been lodged within the specified period, such firearm must be destroyed in accordance with Regulation 93(4) of the Firearms Control Regulations, 2004.



GENERAL BH CELE, (MP)  
MINISTER OF POLICE

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