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The National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill, 2008 (General Notice 648 of 20 May 2008) provides for the proposed amendment of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environment Conservation Act 73 of 1989, the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003, the Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Act 45 of 1965, the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 and the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004. The most notable proposed amendments in relation to NEMA relate to the duty of care envisioned in section 28, rectification in terms of section 24 and emergency incidents in terms of section 30. There are also proposed amendments to the penalty provisions in NEMA and in the NEM related Acts, as well as the Environment Conservation Act.

Please see the attached summary of the Bill which we have prepared to highlight the key proposed amendments

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