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MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION

CONCERNING ITS INVESTIGATION INTO STATUTORY LAW REVISION:

LEGISLATION ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

(PROJECT 25)

The South African Law Reform Commission has been mandated with the task of revising

all legislation administered by national Government Departments with a view to

identifying and recommending for repeal or amendment legislation or provisions in

legislation that are inconsistent with the right to equality in the 1996 Constitution, or that

are redundant or obsolete. As part of its ongoing investigation into statutory law revision

(Project 25), the South African Law Reform Commission hereby releases Discussion

Paper 114 containing proposals for the repeal or amendment of statutes currently

administered by the Department of Transport for general information and comment.

The repeal proposals contained in this Discussion Paper have been developed after a

thorough analysis of all the statutes administered by the Department of Transport.

Furthermore, this Discussion Paper includes a proposed Repeal Bill which, if enacted,

will repeal 54 statutes and partially repeal 19 statutes covering areas such as railway

construction, national roads and transport services, and shipping. The statutes contained

in the draft Repeal Bill have been selected on the basis, among others, that they are no

longer practical, they are spent, unnecessary or obsolete, are inconsistent with the right

to equality entrenched in section 9 of the 1996 Constitution, or the purpose for which

they were enacted no longer exists.

It is possible that some of the statutes recommended for repeal in this Discussion Paper

are still useful. Moreover, there may be statutes not included in the proposed Bill that are

no longer practical and which could be repealed. The Commission would appreciate the

assistance of the public in identifying these statutes or provisions in statutes.

Comments should reach the Commission by 31 August 2008 at the following address:

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The Discussion Paper is available on the internet at the following site: http://www.doj.gov.za/salrc/dpapers.htm. The Discussion Paper is also obtainable free of charge from the Commission upon request (the contact person is Mr Ajay Singh at (012) 392 9580).

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