



water affairs

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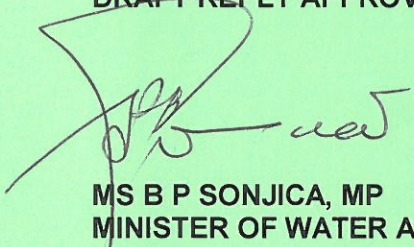
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2023 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 1/9/10


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~


MS B P SONJICA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 02/09/2010

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2023

DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 30 JULY 2010
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 18)

2023. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

What are the (a)(i) names and (ii) locations of all mines that have had (aa) pre-directives, (bb) directives and (cc) criminal charges issued against them in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, and (b) in each case, what was the (i) reason for the action by her department and (ii) response from the mine in each year since 1 January 2008?

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REPLY:

(a)(i)

And

(a)(ii)(aa)(bb)(cc) Refer to column 1-5 of the attached **Annexure A**.

(b)(i) Refer to column 6 of the attached **Annexure A**.

(b)(ii) Refer to column 7 of the attached **Annexure A**.

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FROM 2008 JANUARY TO
30 JUNE 2010

(a)(i) Names of mines	(a)(ii)(aa) Pre-Directives	(a)(ii)(bb) Directives	(a)(ii)(cc) Criminal Charges	(b)(i) Section	(b)(ii) Response
P Lombard (Fourteen Streams)	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	Upon follow up inspection by DWA: Northern Cape Region it was learned that the mine operations was terminated
Pico Diamonds	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	Water User complied with Directives issued
Elias Rittels	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	Water User complied with Directives issued
Denzel Jartz	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	Water User complied with Directives issued
Shavian Mining	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	Water User complied with Directives issued
PZK Bellegings	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	Water User complied with Directives issued
JPW Diamond Mine	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	The water user submitted a water use license application. The application is handed as part of the Letsema License backlog eradication programme.
Taung Giant Diamond Mine	1	1	0	Section 53 (1)	The water user submitted a water use license application. The application is handed as part of the Letsema License backlog eradication programme.
Mintails SA (Mogale Gold)	1	1	0	Section 53(1)	There is the historical legacy of AMD in this area (Western Basin), with the current mines having "inherited" the AMD (created by past mining activity). The current size of the water treatment plant and technology used by Mogale Gold makes the Directive conditions difficult to achieve.
Rand Uranium -Acid Mine Drainage	1	1	0	Section 53(1)	There is the historical legacy of AMD in this area (Western Basin), with the current mines having "inherited" the AMD (created by past mining activity).
DRD Gold - Acid Mine Drainage	1	1	0	Section 53(1)	There is the historical legacy of AMD in this area (Western Basin), with the current mines having "inherited" the AMD (created by past mining activity).
Grootvlei Mine (Aurora Gold)	1	1	1	Section 53(1)	Directive stipulated that license conditions must be adhered to. Legal proceedings are underway due to non-compliance. Prosecution samples were collected on 21 June 2010
Trucks for Africa - Sand Mines	1	1	1	Section 21(c) & (i)	No response from the transgressor. The transgressor is continuing with the unlawful activities hence a criminal case was opened at the SAPS
Ballengeich mine	1	0	0	Section 19(3)	Collating of evidence and previous correspondence in the Region
Aquarius Platinum Mine	1	0	0	Section 53(1)	The mine responded to the Notice issued. The response will be assessed by the Regional office.
Arnot Colliery	1	0	0	Section 53(1)	The mine responded to the Notice issued. The Regional office assessed the response made and was not satisfied with the response, A Directive was issued to the mine.

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(a)(f) Names of mines	(a)(j) Locations	(a)(fi)(aa) Pre-Directives	(a)(if)(bb) Directives	(a)(ii)(cc) Criminal Charges	(b)(f) Section	(b)(ii) Response
Barberton Mines	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1) & Section 19(3)	The mine responded to the notice issued. The Department was not satisfied with the response of the mine, a directive are being complied
Blue Ridge Platinum	Mpumalanga	2	0	0	Section 53(1) & Section 19(3)	The mine responded to all the Pre-directives issued.
Doomrug Mine	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1) & Section 19(3)	The mine responded to the Pre directives issued. Further representation was submitted and the Regional office will assess the representation.
Eastside Colliery	Mpumalanga	1	0	1	Section 53(1)	A criminal case was opened against the mine.
Foskor	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1) & Section 19(3)	No response received.
Grootpan Colliery	Mpumalanga	1	1	0	Section 53(1)	No response received.
Northern Coal Mine	Mpumalanga	2	0	0	Section 53(1)	No response received.
Onverdatch Colliery	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1)	Responded to the notice issued, response to be evaluated
Tselentis Mine	Mpumalanga	1	1	0	Section 53(1)	The mine responded to the Directive issued. A criminal case was opened at Breyten Police station against Tselentis Mine for engaging in unlawful water use activities.
Vuma Coal Holdings	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1) & Section 19(3)	Responded to the notice issued, response to be evaluated

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Xstrata Eastern Mines	Mpumalanga	1	1	0	Section 53(1) & Section 19(3)	Responded to the notice issued. The Regional office assessed the representation made. A decision to issue a directive was taken.
Anglo Coal	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1)	Still waiting for the response. Regional office to follow-up
Leeuwpan Coal	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1) & Section 19(3)	Responded to the Notice issued.
Modikwa Platinum Mine	Mpumalanga	1	0	0	Section 53(1)	No response; regional office
GRAND TOTAL		32	16	3		