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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2743 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr M J Ellis (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 30/9/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓


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

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QUESTION NO 2743

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2743. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Tweespruit Waste Water Treatment Works has a licence to operate; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether a pre-directive in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, has been issued against the Mantsopa Local Municipality for problems at the Tweespruit Waste Water Treatment Works; if not, why not; if so; (a) what led her department to issue the pre-directive, (b) on what date was the pre-directive issued, (c) what is the (i) name and (ii) designation of the official who issued the directive, (d) what is the municipality expected to do in terms of the pre-directive, (e) by when is it expected to take this action and (f) up to the latest specified date for which information is available, what steps has the municipality taken in response to the pre-directive? NW3415E

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REPLY:

- (1) No, the Tweespruit Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) has no license as no application was received from the municipality. However the WWTW has been registered by the Mantsopa Local Municipality (LM), registration number 23002108.
- (2) Yes, a pre-directive was issued to the Mantsopa LM for problems at the WWTW on 2 September 2010.
 - (2)(a) The pre-directive was issued due to complaints received with regard to sewage running from the WWTW into the neighbouring property. An inspection was carried out on 18 August 2010 and confirmed that the sewage was running onto the neighbouring property.
 - (2)(b) A pre-directive was issued on 2 September 2010.
 - (2)(c)(i) Mr Tseliso Ntili.
 - (2)(c)(ii) Regional Head: Free State.
 - (2)(d) On 27 September 2010, the Mantsopa LM submitted an action plan on how they intend to resolve all the problems of the WWTW.
 - (2)(e) The implementation of an action plan started on the 27 September 2010.
 - (2)(f) The Mantsopa LM started with the cleaning and removal of settled sludge. My Department will continue monitoring the implementation of an action plan.

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