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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 590**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 31)**

**590. Mr T J Brauteseth (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What are the (i) names and (ii) locations of the mines that are operating without a valid water license and (b) what actions has his department taken to stop such mines from operating without such licenses?

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

(a-b) The Department of Water and Sanitation as custodian of water resources, takes necessary enforcement actions in accordance with the National Water Act, upon identification of mines operating without valid water licenses. The details of 76 mines operating without a valid license and action taken by the Department of Water and Sanitation in each case are provided in the tables attached hereto as **Annexure A**.

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMENDED/ AMENDED



**DR SEAN PHILLIPS  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
DATE: 15 09 2023**

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DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED



**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION  
DATE: 26/09/23**

**ANNEXURE A:**

No	DWS Case ID	Assignment Level	(a)(i) Names of Mines	(a)(ii) Water Management Area (Location)	Case Phases	Authorisation Status
1.	29235	Eastern Cape Regional Office	Gulu Mining, Farm 1061, East London, Harold Van Tonder, Sandy Flats Farm: Mzimvubu/Tsitsikamma	Mzimvubu/Tsitsikamma	Case Registered, Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
2.	30715	Gauteng Regional Office	Simmerdeep mine , Mr W. Masilo. , Simmerdeep Mine : Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	No record
3.	30660	Gauteng Regional Office	Sibanye-Stillwater construction of a 1 meter pipeline, Sibanye-Stillwater, Unknown: Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	No record
4.	30531	Gauteng Regional Office	Ntswapedi Energy and Projects (Pty) Ltd, WW Smit, Unknown: Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	No record
5.	30529	Gauteng Regional Office	Four Piet Diamonds, Mr T.D. Jacobs, Unknown: Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	No record
6.	30493	Gauteng Regional Office	Gold One Mine / Choice Decisions (Unlawful Taking of Water), Unknown , Portion 3 Farm Modderfontein, Right next to Number 1 Pfuhl Street, Sherwood Gardens, Brakpan: Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	No record
7.	29242	Gauteng Regional Office	Harmony Doornkop Gold Mine, Harmony Gold, Doornkop: Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	No record
8.	29198	Gauteng Regional Office	Amatshe Mining, Eddie Miliner, Luipaardsvlei 246 IQ Krugersdorp: Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	WULA is with applicant to complete phase 1 (WU22534)
9.	30728	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	Iviyo Consulting Engineers (Pty) Ltd, Shaun Dickson, Kaffir Locatie 24HT: Inkomati_Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	Pre-application enquiry , WU26123
10.	30527	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	Matsulu Sand Mining, Alex Moyane and James ngwenya, Matsulu: Inkomati_Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record
11.	30523	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	Mananga Border Sand Mining, unknown, Mananga Border: Inkomati_Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record
12.	30521	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	Kanyamazane/Karino Sand Mining, unknown, Kanyamazane/Karino: Inkomati_Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record
13.	30520	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	White Hill Farm Sand Mining, unknown, White Hill Farm: Inkomati_Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record

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14.	30515	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	MSH Projects - Miss N Sibeko - Mbuluzi River, Miss N Sibeko, Mbuluzi River in Mbuluzi ares: Inkomati Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record
15.	30514	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	LD Phoku Sand , Mr Phoku , Nwarhele River (Dwaarsloop & Saselani area): Inkomati Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record
16.	30513	Inkomati/Usuthu CMA	Hippo Sand - Nicko Angels, Nicko Angels, Komati River - Coopersdaal Area: Inkomati Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record
17.	30802	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Moneyline 1705 (Pty) Ltd: Schaapkopje Colliery, Moneyline 1705 (Pty) Ltd: Schaapkopje Colliery , Remainder of Portion 2 of the Farm Schaapkopje Number 194: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
18.	30756	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Newcastle Gardenia Colliery, Newcastle Gardenia Colliery, Gardenia : Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
19.	30667	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Leeuw Mining and Exploration (Pty) Ltd Holagoun Investment (Pty) Ltd, Holagoun Investment (Pty) Ltd , Rustplaats No 165: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case Registered, NWA Notice	No record
20.	30599	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Umdloti River Illegal Sand Mining near Oakford Road Hazelmere, Unknown, Osindisweni, Igadi, Oakford Road, about 9 kilometres outside Verulam, eThekwinini : Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
21.	30584	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Umgeni River Illegal Sand Mining in Reservoir Hills, Unknown, The Remainder of Erf 101 KwaDukuza A Township: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
22.	30568	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Oakford road Mdloti River, Mr Bonginkosi Msomi , Oakford road, Mdloti River : Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case Registered, Investigation, Registered with SAPS	No record
23.	30567	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Mvoti River Sand Mining Portion 15 of Sprawstone No 17669 and Rem of Portion 1 of Lot 14(A) No 224, Mr Troy Naicker, Portion 15 of Sprawstone No	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case Registered, Investigation, Registered with SAPS	No record

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			17669 and Rem of Portion 1 of Lot 14(A) No 224: Pongola/Mtamvuna			
24.	30445	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Mtentweni River Sand Mining KwaZulu Natal Earth Works, Mr Mzandile Gwaji (Manager: Kwazulu Natal Earthwo, Mtentweni River: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
25.	30426	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Mvoti River Illegal Sand Mining in Cranbrook near KwaDukuza, Dixon Africa, Unknown: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case Registered, Investigated, Registered with SAPS	No record
26.	30413	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Mzambe River Illegal Sand Mining, Mr Nzamo, Mzambe River Sand Mining: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case Registered, Investigated, Registered with SAPS	No record
27.	30409	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Mgigimbe (Hlimbitwa River) Sand Mining, Unknown, Mgigimbe: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
28.	30408	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Cliffdale Sand Mining (Sterkspruit), Andile Khanyile, street number 62011: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
29.	30306	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Tongati River Illegal Sand Mining (R102 Watson Highway Oceans, La Mercy, Durban Metro), Unknown, Unknown: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
30.	30303	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Umkomazi Illegal Sand Mining (Off R197 on Sibhakada Road, Danganya, Grayleigh), Mr Rowen Moodley , Unknown: Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case Registered, Investigated, Registered with SAPS	No record
31.	29238	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd: Natal Ammonium Colliery, Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd: Natal Ammonium Colliery, Natal Ammonium/ Mt Ngwibi mines : Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
32.	29237	KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office	Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd: Longridge Operations , Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd: Longridge Operations , Twisthoek Farm No 84, Boschkrans No 69 and Moothoek No 34 : Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
33.	30703	Limpopo Regional Office	Tshithuthuni(Mulondodi river, Thengwe) Sand Mining, unknown, Mutale: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record

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34.	30685	Limpopo Regional Office	Nkuna Sand Supply, Mr Nkuna, Wagendrift 64 LT: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
35.	30683	Limpopo Regional Office	Thatathata Trading, Mr N Nkuna, Magor 63 LT: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
36.	30475	Limpopo Regional Office	Muunganwe Village Brick Making, Mr NJ Tsipetane, Muungamunwe Village: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
37.	29262	Limpopo Regional Office	Limpopo River Sand Mining, Mr. Malakia Ndou, Vrouwensbrom 80 MT Malale Village : Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, Investigation, Registered with SAPS	No record
38.	29213	Limpopo Regional Office	Mopane Sand Mining Activities, unknown, Sand river: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
39.	29160	Limpopo Regional Office	Vhuthu Farming and Projects. Mr Mudau N, KOORTDRAAI MS 609: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
40.	30719	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Masemanzi mine, unknown, Blesbokaagte Farm 296 JS, unknown, Blesbokaagte Farm 296 JS: Olifants	Olifants	Case Registered, Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
41.	30669	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Breyten Colliery, Mr. L Breitenbach- Mine Manager, Breyten Colliery, Mr. L Breitenbach- Mine Manager, Breyten Colliery: Inkomati_Usuthu	Inkomati_Usuthu	Case under Investigation	No record
42.	30593	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Vergenoeg Mine , : Olifants	Olifants	Case Registered, Investigation, NWA Notice	Under assessment
43.	30563	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Extreme Mining, Christo Harmse, Extreme Mining: Olifants	Olifants	Case Registered, Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
44.	30512	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Zhong Shuo Mining is situated over portion 187 of Mapochsgronde 500 JS and Mapochsgronde 928 JS, Mr Wang Qingshui , Zhong Shuo Mining is situated over portion 187 of Mapochsgronde 500 JS and Mapochsgronde 928 JS : Olifants	Olifants	Case Registered, Investigation, NWA Notice	No record

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45.	30492	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Silver Unicorn Trading 33 (Pty) Ltd, Mr Willie Lucky Mbangeji, : Olifants	Olifants	Case under Investigation	Under assessment (WUJ28216)
46.	30431	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Glencore South Africa (Pty) Ltd, Glencore South Africa-Ms Van Niekerk, : Olifants	Olifants	Case Registered, NWA Notice	No record
47.	30430	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Driefontein Colliery, Gugulethu Dlamini, : Olifants	Olifants	Case Registered, NWA Notice	No record
48.	30414	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Erf 445 Ashburton, Not known, Mpushini River Elands Drive: Olifants	Olifants	Case under Investigation	No record
49.	29167	Mpumalanga Regional Office	Bentech Solutions, Luis Bento, Kromdraai 279 JS Portion 23: Olifants	Olifants	Case Registered, Investigation, NWA Notice, NWA Directive	No record
50.	30797	North West Regional Office	Impisi Chrome Washing Plant, Mr Raphael Goolam, Farm Boshhoek 33 : Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
51.	30796	North West Regional Office	MSD Resources (Pty) Ltd, Myron Ramdhani, Portion 115 of Farm 33 Boshhoek: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	Pre-application (WUJ20996)
52.	30772	North West Regional Office	Suspected unlawful water uses by Corobrik Rietvlei, Ukufakwa Mining (Pty) Ltd, Rietvlei Farm Village: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	WULA is with applicant to complete Phase 3 (WUJ26494)
53.	30675	North West Regional Office	Sugar Creek (Pty)Ltd, Chrometec (Pty)Ltd, Portion 236 of Bokfontein 448JQ: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
54.	30673	North West Regional Office	FS Mining Wash Plant, Republic of Bophuthatswana, Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Koedoesfontein 94JQ: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, Investigation, NWA Notice	WULA is with applicant to complete Phase 3 (WUJ27084) WULA is with applicant to complete Phase 3 (WUJ28903)
55.	30671	North West Regional Office	Santhro Mineral Resources, Double Quick Properties 67, Portion 24 of Boschhoek 103 JQ: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	WULA is with applicant to complete Phase 3 (WUJ27084)

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56.	30663	North West Regional Office	Rich capital Investment, REPUBLIC OF BOPHUTHATSWANA, Farm Koedoesfontein 94JQ/0: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
57.	30662	North West Regional Office	Big Chrome Project (BCP), TLHAOLE THABO WILLIAM and TLHAOLE MAPULA ELIZABETH, Farm Elandsfontein 102 JQ/21: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	WULA under assessment (WU28296)
58.	30661	North West Regional Office	Abella Mining (Pty) Ltd, Meyer Cornelius and Meyer Magdalena, Farm Elandsfontein 102 JQ/18: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	WULA is with applicant to complete Phase 1
59.	30633	North West Regional Office	Mineral EXCO Services, GOING UP HOLDINGS (PTY)LTD, Portion 49 of Boschoek 103JQ: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	WULA under assessment (WU28155)
60.	30631	North West Regional Office	AND Chrome washing plant, BOSHOEK CITRUS ESTATE CC, Boschhoek 103 JQ, 89: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	WULA is with applicant to complete Phase 3 (WU27923)
61.	30591	North West Regional Office	Botshelo commodities (Kafferskraal 324JQ/139), Pretorius Johannes Cornelius and Susan Carolina, Portion 139 of farm Kafferskraal 328JQ: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
62.	30590	North West Regional Office	Charewa Project (Elandskraal 469JQ/157), PSG Hauliers CC, Portion 157 of farm Elandskraal 469JQ: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	WULA under assessment (WU9495)
63.	30586	North West Regional Office	LMB Alloy's Chrome washing Plant, Pretorius Gerrit Jacobus and Pretorius Maria Eliza, Rietfontein 338JQ/22 : Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
64.	30580	North West Regional Office	SA Chrome washing Plant, Magaliesberg Steenvrugte (Pty) Ltd, Rhenosterfontein 336JQ/72: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
65.	30561	North West Regional Office	Klipgat sand mining, unknown, Klipgat: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record



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66.	30284	North West Regional Office	Ga-Rankuwa illegal mining, City of Tshwane, Ga-Rankuwa Zone 1: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
67.	29241	North West Regional Office	Crocodile River (Illegal sand mining), unknown, Welgegend 491 JQ/07: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	No record
68.	29219	North West Regional Office	Madidi Sand Mining, Madidi Tribal Office, Madidi: Limpopo	Limpopo	Case under Investigation	No record
69.	30858	Northern Cape Regional Office	DG WAREHOUSE SITE ONE (1), Johann Van-Der Merwe, DG Warehouse Services SITE ONE (1): Pongola/Mtamvuna	Pongola/Mtamvuna	Case under Investigation	No record
70.	30689	Northern Cape Regional Office	Coptra-SA (PTY)Ltd, Marthin Grobler, Beauvallon Portion 3 of Grootderm, R/E of Grootderm 10, and Grootderm 10 Portion 4: Orange	Orange	Case under Investigation -	Under Assessment
71.	30350	Northern Cape Regional Office	Glosam Mine, Glosam Mine, Remaining Extent of the Farm Gloucester 674.: Vaal	Vaal	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	Closed by department (WU11422)
72.	30343	Northern Cape Regional Office	Salene Manganese (Pty) Ltd, Riaan De Villiers, McCarthy 559 Portion 2/3/4/5: Vaal	Vaal	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	Under Assessment - (WU28386)
73.	29255	Northern Cape Regional Office	Nama Copper Resources (Pty) Ltd (Naba), Kiara Barker, Nababeep: Orange	Orange	Case Registered, NWA Investigation, NWA Notice	Applicant: Prepares Application for Submission (Phase 1)(WU23750)
74.	29212	Northern Cape Regional Office	JC MOOLMAN - Doornbult Boerdery, Jacobus Christoffel Moolman, Farm Doornbult 224 HO, Jacobus Christoffel Moolman, Doornbult 224 HO: Vaal	Vaal	Case under Investigation	Applicant: Prepares Application for Submission (Phase 1)(WU25025)
75.	29157	Northern Cape Regional Office	Peiserton Mine, Mr Albert Van Wyk (Property Owner), Mr Albert Van Wyk (Property Owner), Farm 531 (Re/531 & 1/531): Orange	Orange	Case under Investigation	No record
76.	22788	Northern Cape Regional Office	TIESPRO 101 (PTY) LTD, TIESPRO 101 (PTY) LTD, MARKTSDRIFT 3: Orange	Orange	Case under Investigation	END - Closed by Department (WU13829)