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Water and Sanitation
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Deputy Minister Mahlobo to open criminal case against Jagersfontein mine

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr David Mahlobo will on Tuesday, 01 November 2022 open a criminal case against the Jagersfontein Development Mine.

The disaster in Jagersfontein after the slimes dam wall collapse caused pollution to the environment and water resources. Furthermore, the disaster threatened livelihoods and left people homeless while others lost their lives.

As a result, the Department took a decision to implement administrative enforcement measures and issued a directive on 12 September 2022 in terms of Section 20 of National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (hereinafter 'NWA'). This directive pertains to the release of a substance [slimes/Mine process waste materials] that pollutes or has the potential to pollute water resources. In addition, the directive sought action to be undertaken to another similar incident.

The Department is now also embarking on a parallel process to the administrative enforcement by opening a criminal case for contraventions of the National Water Act.

Venue : Jagerfontein Police Station

Date : 01 November 2022

Time : 10:45

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