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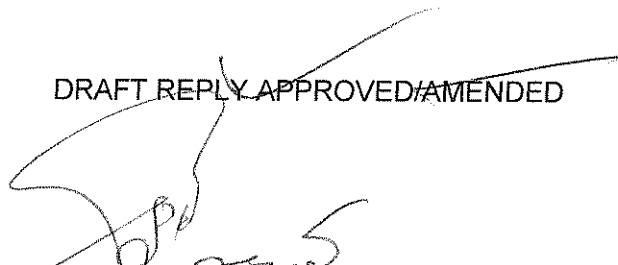
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1820 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr N J J van Kroornhof (Cope), is attached for your consideration, please.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)
DATE: 10.11.09

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MS B P SONJICA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
DATE: 19/11/09

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1820

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1820. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department laid any criminal charges against any individuals or companies with regard to the pollution of any of the perennial river catchment areas running into the Kruger National Park during the period 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any irregularities were reported to the Green Scorpions on the same issue in 2009; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) No, My Department has not laid any criminal charges against any individuals or companies with regard to the pollution of any of the perennial river catchment areas running into the Kruger National Park to date. My Department has identified alleged polluters and notices/directives have been issued as reflected in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Non-Compliant Cases

Name of alleged polluter	Non-compliance letter or Notice issued	Directive issued	Affected Perennial River
Palabora Mining Company	Section 19(3) and 53(1) for failing to take reasonable measures to prevent pollution and undertaking water use(s) activities without authorization.	No	Selati
Sasol Nitro	Section 19(3) and 53(1) for failing to take reasonable measures to prevent pollution and undertaking water use(s) activities without authorization.	No	Selati
Foskor	Section 19(3) and 53(1) for failing to take reasonable measures to prevent pollution and undertaking water use(s) activities without authorization.	No	Selati
Blue Ridge Platinum mine	Section 19(3) with regard to addressing a non-reported pollution incident	No	Olifants
Citrifruit Products (Pty) Ltd	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 e, f, g and h)	No	Crocodile
Drumrock Estate	Section 19(3) with regard to alleged sewage pollution	No	Crocodile
Eastside Colliery	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 g and j)	No	Upper Komati
Grootpan Colliery	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 g and j)	No	Upper Komati
Leeuwpan Coal	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 g and j)	No	Olifants
Limpopo Parks and Tourism	Section 19(3) for potential pollution from ablution facilities	No	Olifants

Name of alleged polluter	Non-compliance letter or Notice issued	Directive issued	Affected Perennial River
Mr T. Lourens	Section 19(3) and 53(1) for engaging in unlawful pollution related water uses.	No	Olifants
Northern Coal	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 g and j)	No	Upper Komati
Tselentis Colliery	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 g and j)	No	Upper Komati
Vuna Mining Enterprise	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 g and j)	No	Olifants
Onverdacht Colliery	Section 53(1) with regard to pollution related water uses (i.e. 21 g and j). There is a criminal case opened by EEPOG against this mine relating to water uses.	No	Upper Komati
MPC Chicks	Section 53(1) for pollution related water uses (21 e & g). A criminal case has been opened with the Delmas SAPS.	Yes	Olifants
Nkomazi Local Municipality	Section 19(3) for the overflow of raw sewage from the Komati Pump Station.	Yes	Crocodile
Delmas Local Municipality	Sections 19(3) and 53(1) for discharge poor quality effluent into Bronkhorstspuit River and operating with expired license.	No	Olifants
Emakhazeni Local Municipality	Section 19(3) for the overflow of raw sewage into Eefues River from the Machadodorp Pump Station.	No	Elands is the tributary of the Crocodile
Emalaheni Local Municipality	Section 19(3) Directive for the overflowing of Bankenveld Pump station.	Yes	Olifants
Bushbuckridge Local Municipality	Section 19(3) and 53(1) for discharging effluent of poor quality into the river and operating sewage works without a license.	No	Sabie
Thabachweu Local Municipality	Section 53(1) for failure to comply with license conditions for Lydenburg STW.	No	Sabie
Mbombela Local Municipality	Section 19(3) and 53(1) for discharging effluent of poor quality into the river from White River STW and non compliant to wastewater general standards.	No	Crocodile
Govan Mbeki Local Municipality	Section 19(3) and 53(1) for the discharge of poor quality effluent into the River and operating sewage works without license.	No	Olifants
Kungwini Local Municipality	Section 19(3) for the alleged sewage pollution at the Bronkhorstspuit River.	No	Olifants
Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality	Section 53(1) for operating the Groblersdal sewage treatment works without a valid license.	No	Olifants
Capricorn District Municipality	Section 53(1) for non-compliance to license conditions	No	Olifants

(2) Falls away