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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 500 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Ms L D Mazibuko (DA) is attached for your consideration, please.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 15/07/09

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

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QUESTION NO 500

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500. Ms L D Mazibuko (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Treaty on the Development and Utilisation of the Water Resources of the Komati River Basin (details furnished) is in danger of being undermined due to pollution from mines in the Komati River catchment area; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the government of the Kingdom of Swaziland has expressed any concerns about water pollution emanating from South Africa; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department has commented on any applications to the Department of Minerals since 1 January 2008 up to the latest specified date for which information is available to (a) prospect or (b) mine on land in or adjacent to the Komati River catchment area; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) No. The Treaty is conscious of the economic prosperity that is realized by activities that are reliant on water resources. The Joint Water Commission (JWC) between South Africa, Swaziland and Mozambique has been established under the Treaty and is operational. Meetings are held regularly and the agenda reflects technical issues such as water quality management in line with the prevention and exercising control over the pollution of water resources of common interest to Swaziland, Mozambique and South Africa. If pollution was undermining the Treaty then the discussions would have highlighted the issue and a joint study to investigate the matter further would have been considered.
- (2) No.
- (3)(a) Yes, My Department has commented on the following Prospecting Licenses.

Applicant	Department of Minerals & Energy File No	Department of Water & Environmental Affairs (DWEA) File No	Submission Date of DWEA's Comments
Tageta Exploration	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (1751) EM	16/2/7/X101/C191	22/02/2008
Mululamisi Mining and Exploration	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (1911) EM	16/2/7/X101/C189	22/02/2008
Inyanga Trading	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (18951) EM	16/2/7/X101/C189	22/02/2008
Gerrit Klok	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (483) EM	16/2/7/X101/C192	22/02/2008
Roads and transport	MP 30/5/1/3/3/2/1 (234)EM	16/2/X100/C204/1	10/06/2008
Roads and transport	MP 30/5/1/3/3/2/1 (532)EM	16/2/7/X100/C205/1	10/06/2008
Xakwa Investment	MP 30/5/1/3/3/2/1 (1981)EM	16/2/7/X100/C203/1	10/06/2008
Roads and transport	MP 30/5/1/3/3/2/1 (533)EM	16/2/7/X100/C198/1	10/06/2008
Roads and transport	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (532) EM	16/2/7/X100/C206/1	10/06/2008
Misty sea trading	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (1988) EM	16/2/7/X100/C200/1	10/06/2008
Hoshoza Resource bordex(PTY) LTD	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (2023) EM	16/2/7/X100/C216/1	11/09/2008
Roads and transport	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (564) EM	16/2/7/X100/C215/1	18/08/2008
Misty sea trading	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (2089) EM	16/2/7/X100/C310/1	18/08/2008
Mampe Mining and construction	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (4335) EM	16/2/7/X101/C404	01/04/2009
WERM Mining	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (4299) EM	16/2/7/X101/C410	19/05/2009
Masola Mining transport	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (4291) EM	16/2/7/X101/C400	23/03/2009
Phuzamanzi Right Operation	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (4359) EM	16/2/7/X101/C401	23/03/2009
Misty sea trading 262 (PTY) LTD	MP 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/ (1989) EM	16/2/7/X100/C208/3	10/06/2008
Mululamisi mining exploration(PTY) LTD	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (1970) EM	16/2/7/X100/C207/3	10/06/2008
Xivono	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (1956) EM	16/2/7/X100/C199/3	10/06/2008

Unity rocks mining (PTY)	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (2042) EM	16/2/7/X100/C174/1	11/08/2008
Wananchi power corporation (PTY)	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (3004) EM	16/2/7/X100/C211/1	18/08/2008
Umcebo mining (PTY) LTD	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (318) EM	16/2/7/X100/C213/1	18/08/2008

(3)(b) Mine on Land applications.

Applicant	Department of Minerals and Energy File No	Department of Water & Environmental Affairs (DWEA) File No	Submission date of DWEA's Comments
Umcebo Mining	MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/ (111) EM	16/2/7/X101/C75	29/02/2009