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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 113 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC); is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: *31/3/10*

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~~DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED~~

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QUESTION NO 113

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**113. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether sufficient potable water is available to the (a) Mahlatsi and (b) Mafarafara communities in the Greater Tubatse Municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any plans are in place to provide sufficient potable water to these communities; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) Yes, the Mahlatsi Village in the Greater Tubatse Municipality has sufficient potable water.

The community comprising of 1265 people is supplied by borehole number H12-0703 with a yield of 1,365 l/s and the scheme performance of 28,9 l/c/d. However, the challenge is that the reticulation system is directly connected to the raising main thereby reducing the pressure which makes it impossible for the water to reach the reservoir.

- (1)(b) Yes, the Mafarafara Village in the Greater Tubatse Municipality has sufficient potable water. The community comprising of 1136 people is supplied by two boreholes with a combined yield of 2.74 l/s and the scheme performance of 64, 42 l/c/d. The water is pumped from the two boreholes to the raising main, then transported to the village reservoir and thereafter gravitates to the reticulation system.

- (2)(a) Due to the fact that the Municipality does not have enough funding for raising the main mentioned above (1)(a), My Department has intervened by appointing a contractor to construct a supply line from the two boreholes to the reservoir as well as a small extension of reticulation to the part of the village which was not reticulated.

With regards to the Mafarafara Village, no plans are in place as the area has sufficient potable water.

- (2)(b) With regards to the Mahlatsi Village, My Department intends to test the two additional boreholes which according to the community are not being utilised to ascertain whether the water is potable and have the relevant yield to be equipped by the hand pump or borehole pump.

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