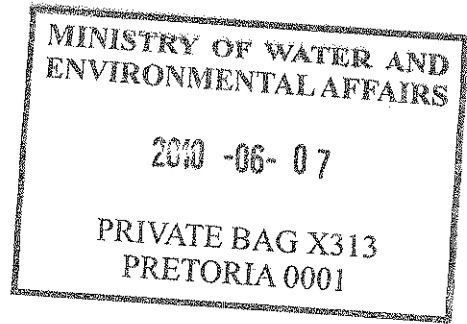




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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1823 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr M J Ellis (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 7/6/10


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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1823. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether her department has laid a criminal charge against (a) a certain mine (details furnished) and (b) the liquidators of the mine for any transgressions under the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a) Yes, a criminal case against Aurora Gold Mine (formerly Grootvlei Gold Mine) was registered on 14 May 2010 at Springs Police Station. At this stage, the case is being investigated by the Organised Crime Unit at Germiston. My Department's Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) Unit is working with the South African Police Service (SAPS) Investigating Officer to collect all outstanding evidence to finalise the investigation and to ensure that the matter is forwarded to the National Prosecuting Authority for perusal and further guidance.
- (b) No criminal charges have been laid against the liquidators as the investigations are currently ongoing. My Department will be guided by the results of the investigation, once concluded, on how to proceed.

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