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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2390 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 6/9/10

  
DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**2390. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether the Homevale Waste Water Treatment Works in Kimberley has had any directives issued against it in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, for issues of noncompliance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she has taken any steps to improve the treatment capacity of this waste water treatment facility; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2959E

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**REPLY:**

- (1) Yes, a notice of non-compliance in terms of Section 19 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998) was issued to the Sol Plaatje Municipality on 3 September 2008 for the failure to operate and maintain, refurbish and expand the Homevale Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW).
- (2) Yes, steps have been taken by the Sol Plaatje Municipality to improve the treatment capacity of the Homevale WWTW. Such steps include the submission of an action plan by the Sol Plaatje Municipality detailing short term and long term interventions for upgrading the Homevale WWTW as well as the implementation of the following measures:
  - Restrictions on all new developments to prevent any additional load on the Homevale WWTW,
  - Conducting of an assessment and directives issued to those industries whose effluent do not comply to the municipal bylaws thereby seeking to reduce the load on the Homevale WWTW
  - Refurbishment of the Homevale WWTW to its design capacity of 30 MI/day, including an emergency pond which provides an additional storage capacity of 3MI/day under peak flow conditions. The municipality is currently complying with the Directives and has a long term plan for increasing the capacity of the WWTW from 30MI/day to 45-50MI/day. The municipality is also in the process of applying for a water use licence.

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