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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2636 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 11/10/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~


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

DATE: 15/10/2010

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2636

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2636. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department has established any link between rising acid mine water in the basins of Gauteng and seismic activity in the region; if so, how was this conclusion reached; if not, how was this conclusion reached;
- (2) whether her department is conducting a study to determine the link between rising mine water and seismic activity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) This question falls outside the mandate of my department. I recommend that it should be referred to the Department of Mineral Resources which deals with mining issues and would be in a better position to respond to issues related to seismic activities related to mining activities.
- (2) Falls away.

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