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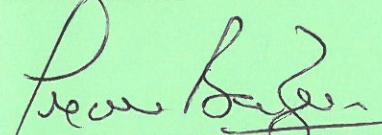
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3410 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 15/12/2010

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓


MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3410

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3410. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether a certain mining group (Muhanga Mines) has applied for a water use licence for their proposed mine at Wachtenbietjieskop; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the mine will be prevented from operating until it has a water use licence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4248E

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REPLY:

- (1) No, the Department has no record of an application for a water use licence for the proposed mine at Wachtenbietjieskop.
- (2) In terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) Muhanga Mines would not be allowed to use water without a water use authorisation. Unlawful use of water is an offence in terms of the National Water Act and action will be taken against any unlawful water use by the mine.

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