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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3116 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Dr J C Kloppers-Lourens (DA) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 21/11/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 20/11/12

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3116

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 31)

3116. Dr J C Kloppers-Lourens (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) What is the name of the entity that has been contracted to clean her department's offices in Pretoria and (b) when was this entity appointed;
- (2) whether, at the time of considering the tender for this cleaning contract, there were specifications in the tender documents regarding the use of eco-friendly cleaning products by the bidding entities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department has found that the cleaning products that are being used to clean her department's offices are eco-friendly; if not, what steps will be taken to rectify the situation; if so, how was this conclusion reached;
- (4) whether the cleaning products that are being used are biodegradable; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether the cleaning products are accredited under any green or eco-friendly accreditation system, if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The company contracted for cleaning the Department's offices in Pretoria is Hadiogiogio.
- (1)(b) Hadiogiogio was appointed in May 2010.
- (2) No. At the time the tenders were evaluated, the specifications used in the tender documents, were based on the use of SABS approved products.
- (3) No. The products used were not eco-friendly as it was not indicated in the specification that products should be eco-friendly, but these products are SABS approved as specified in the tender specification. The Service Provider has since been requested to use cleaning products that are eco-friendly and biodegradable with no alteration to the contract and financial implications. There are no price differences between SABS and eco-friendly or biodegradable products.
- (4) Yes, the Department is using products that are eco-friendly and biodegradable.
- (5) Yes. The products are accredited under the green and eco-friendly accreditation systems. This is in accordance with the material safety data sheet as certified by SABS.

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