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**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3322 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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DATE: 3/11/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

DATE: 20/11/08

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION NO 3322****DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 28 OCTOBER 2011**  
**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 35)****3322. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 575 on 30 March 2011, the Wesmine/Wescoal coal washing operation adjacent to the Jackaroo plant has been granted a water use licence since 30 March 2011; if not, what is the current status in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department has conducted any recent investigations to determine whether the operations' disposal of waste water has polluted surrounding water courses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3980E

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**REPLY:**

- (1) No, the Wesmine / Wescoal washing operation (coal washing plant) has not applied for the water use license from the Department.
- (2) No, the Department has commented on the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Management Plan which the Wesmine / Wescoal washing operation submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism as part of the consultation process. The report contained investigations done on the operation's activities which have the potential to pollute the environment which includes the operations' disposal of waste water.

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