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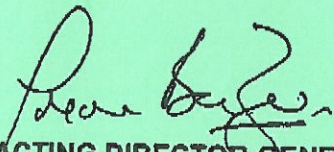
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3323 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr I O Davidson (DA) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 0/11/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓


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

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLYQUESTION NO. 3323

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3323. Mr I O Davidson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her replies to question 1276 on 20 May 2010 and lapsed question 3423 on 31 January 2011, the water use general authorisation in possession of Mr L Fourie and a certain company (details furnished) is valid; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was it issued, (b) what is the (i) name and (ii) designation of the official that issued it, (c) until when is this authorisation valid and (d) what are the relevant terms of the authorisation;
- (2) whether the holder of the permit had to report to her department on a regular basis; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, the water use general authorisation in possession of Mr L Fourie and his company is valid.

In response to question (1)(a), (1)(b)(i), (1)(b)(ii) and (1)(c), see the table below:

Table 1 below reflects the date when the general authorisation was issued, the details of the official and the date until when the water use general authorisation is valid.

Date issued	Name official	Designation	Date valid
28/05/2011	Mr Alison Matukane	Regional Head: Limpopo	29/11/2012

- (1)(d) The water use general authorisation is subject to the Mr Fourie and his company complying with the conditions of the water use general authorisation and having a valid mining permit in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).
- (2) Mr Fourie and his company are required by the water use general authorisation to monitor water quality by taking water samples at upstream and downstream points of the sand mining site on a bi-weekly basis in the first three months of sand mining activity and thereafter on a monthly basis. The water samples are analysed by M&L Laboratories in conjunction with the Medupi Power Station Joint Venture Construction.

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The results of the water quality are submitted to the Department's Limpopo: Regional Office for the assessment of impacts. Furthermore, the conditions of the water use general authorisation requires that no damming of water should occur (i.e. normal river flow is allowed to pass through the sand mining site) and that all lawful water abstraction points are not interfered with during sand mining.

The sand mining site is inspected by the Department's Regional Office: Limpopo at least once every month during sand mining activities (i.e. sand mining is done during low river flows seasons based on demand and is not continuous).

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