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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3327 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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


ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

DATE: 15/11/2011


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 20/11/20

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3327

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3327. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What are the names and locations of mines that have been operating without valid water licences since her reply to question 347 on 21 June 2011;
- (2) what has been the progress of the mines operating without water licences at the time of her reply with regard to their (a) applying for and (b) being granted water licences;
- (3) whether she has taken any steps to ensure that mines operating without water licences obtain water licences; if not, why not; if so, what steps;
- (4) whether any further (a) directives or (b) pre-directives have been issued against the mines operating without water licences in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, since her reply; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3985E

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REPLY:

- (1) Refer to **Annexure A, Table 1** for names and locations of mines that have been operating without valid water licences since my Department's reply to question 347 on 21 June 2011.
- (2)(a) Refer to **Annexure B, Table 2** for progress of the mines operating without water licences at the time of my Department's reply to question 347 on 21 June 2011 with regard to their applying for water use license.
- (2)(b) Refer to **Annexure C, Table 3** for progress of the mines operating without water licences at the time of the Department's reply to question 347 on 21 June 2011 with regard to being granted water licences license.
- (3) Yes, the Department has embarked on a special initiative, the Letsema Project, to expedite the process of issuing water use licenses. The aim of this project is to eradicate backlog (s) in mining and all other water use license applications.

- (4) A total of (a) three pre-directives and (b) two directives were issued to date. Refer to table below.

NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENSE APPLIED FOR (YES/NO)	STATUS
PRE-DIRECTIVES ISSUED			
Blaizepoint Trading 96 CC	Free State	Yes	Contravention of license conditions
Chemstof (PTY) Ltd	North West	Yes	Facility operating without water use license
Rockwell Diamonds Inc.	Northern Cape	Yes	Contravention of license conditions
DIRECTIVES ISSUED			
Befco Mineral Merchants (Pty) Ltd	North West	Yes	Facility operating without water use license
Chemstof (PTY) Ltd	North West	Yes	Facility operating without water use license

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ANNEXURE A

- (1) **Table 1** below reflects the names and locations of mines that have been operating without valid water licences since my Department's reply to question 347 on 21 June 2011.

NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE
Anglo Coal: Kleinkopje Colliery	Mpumalanga
Sudor Coal -Elandsfontein	Mpumalanga
Klipspruit Colliery	Mpumalanga
Exxaro: GLISA	Mpumalanga
Arnot:	Mpumalanga
Kendal (zaid) Colliery	Mpumalanga
Delmas Coal:/ Kuyasa Coal	Mpumalanga
Northern Coal: Mimosa	Mpumalanga
Optimum Colliery: Eikeboom Section	Mpumalanga
Sasol Mining Syferfontein IWULA	Mpumalanga
Shanduka Graspan Colliery	Mpumalanga
Stuart Coal	Mpumalanga
Total Coal Dorsfontein Colliery	Mpumalanga
Umcebo Colliery Doornrug Coal Mine	Mpumalanga
Umcebo Mooifontein Colliery	Mpumalanga
Umcebo Nowesco (Brakfontein)	Mpumalanga
Shanduka Bankfontein Colliery	Mpumalanga
Shanduka Coal: Middleburg Townlands	Mpumalanga
World Wide Coal Carolina Groenvallei Colliery	Mpumalanga
World Wide Coal Carolina Haarlem Colliery	Mpumalanga
Xstrata pic Arthur Taylor Colliery (Open Cast)	Mpumalanga
Phokathaba Platinum Mine	Limpopo/Mpumalanga
Sheba Gold Mine	Mpumalanga
Nkomati Mine	Mpumalanga
Harmony Gold	Welkom
Simmer and Jack	Stilfontein
Gold Fields	Welkom
De Beers – Kimberley	Northern Cape
Hotazel Manganese Mine	Northern Cape
PMG Mine	Northern Cape
Misty Falls	Northern Cape
Clisa 42 (Pty) Ltd	Northern Cape
Venetia Mine	Limpopo
Buffelsfontein Platinum Mine	North West
Samancor Chrome Limited	North West
Vemecto Alloy Mine	North West
Anglo Platinum Mine	North West
Rhombus Vanadium Mine	North West
Aquarius Platinum SA	North West
Lonmin Platinum (Marikana)	North West
Exxaro	KwaZulu-Natal
Zuland Anthracite Colliery	KwaZulu Natal
Richard Bay Mineral	KwaZulu Natal
Imbila Mines	KwaZulu Natal
Somkele Mines	KwaZulu Natal
Magdalena Colliery	KwaZulu
Springlake Colliery	KwaZulu
Uitkomst Colliery	KwaZulu
Panbuilt Siding	KwaZulu
Maquasa West	KwaZulu
Geluk Colliery	KwaZulu Natal
Inhlobane Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal
South Deep Mines	Gauteng
Simmer & Jack	Gauteng
New Kleinfontein	Gauteng
Impala Platinum	Gauteng
Mintails SA (Pty) Ltd	Gauteng
Gold Fields-Driefontein	Gauteng

NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE
Sasol Mining	Gauteng
Harmony Gold	Gauteng
Gold View	Gauteng
Mooiplaats Colliery	Gauteng
Imbabala Colliery	Gauteng
Vunene Colliery	Gauteng
Umlabu Colliery	Gauteng
Central Rand Gold	Gauteng
Knights Gold	Gauteng
Glen Douglas	Gauteng
Lieliefontain Colliery	Gauteng

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ANNEXURE B

(2)(a) **Table 2** below reflects the progress of the mines operating without water licences at the time of my Department's reply to question 347 on 21 June 2011 with regard to their applying for water use license.

NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENSE APPLIED	STATUS
Anglo Coal: Kleinkopje Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Sudor Coal -Elandsfontein		Yes	In process
Klipspruit Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Exxaro: GLISA	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Arnot:	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Kendal (zaid) Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Delmas Coal:/ Kuyasa Coal	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Northern Coal: Mimoso	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Optimum Colliery: Eikeboom Section	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Sasol Mining Syferfontein IWULA	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Shanduka Graspan Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Stuart Coal	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Total Coal Dorsfontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Umcebo Colliery Doornrug Coal Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Umcebo Mooifontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Umcebo Nowesco (Brakfontein)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Shanduka Bankfontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Shanduka Coal: Middleburg Townlands	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
World Wide Coal Carolina Groenvalllei Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
World Wide Coal Carolina Haarlem Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Xstrata plc Arthur Taylor Colliery (Open Cast)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Phokathaba Platinum Mine	Limpopo/Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Sheba Gold Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Nkomati Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
Harmony Gold	Welkom	Yes	In process
Simmer and Jack	Stilfontein	Yes	In process
Gold Fields	Welkom	No	No water use license application received
De Beers – Kimberley	Northern Cape	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Hotazel Manganese Mine	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
PMG Mine	Northern Cape	No (Pre Notice sent in July 2010)	No water use license application received
Misty Falls	Northern Cape	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information
Clisa 42 (Pty) Ltd	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
Venetia Mine	Limpopo	Yes	In process
Buffelsfontein Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Samancor Chrome Limited	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Vemecto Alloy Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Anglo Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Rhombus Vanadium Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Aquarius Platinum SA	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Lonmin Platinum (Marikana)	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine

NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENSE APPLIED	STATUS
Exxaro	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Zuland Anthracite Colliery	KwaZulu Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Richard Bay Mineral	KwaZulu Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Imbila Mines	KwaZulu Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Somkele Mines	KwaZulu Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Magdalena Colliery	KwaZulu	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Springlake Colliery	KwaZulu	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Uitkomst Colliery	KwaZulu	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Panbuilt Siding	KwaZulu	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Maquasa West	KwaZulu	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Geluk Colliery	KwaZulu Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
Inhlobane Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from Mine
South Deep Mines	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Simmer & Jack	Gauteng	Yes	In process
New Kleinfontein	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Impala Platinum	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Mintails SA (Pty) Ltd	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Gold Fields-Driefontein	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Sasol Mining	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Harmony Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Gold View	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Mooiplaats Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Imbabala Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Vunene Colliery	Gauteng	No	Pre-application process
Umlabu Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Central Rand Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Knights Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Glen Douglas	Gauteng	Yes	In process
Lieliefontain Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process

ANNEXURE C

(2)(b) **Table 3** below reflects the progress of the mines operating without water licences at the time of the Department reply to question 347 on 21 June 2011 with regard to being granted water licences

NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF THE MINE	WATER LICENCE APPLIED FOR (YES/NO)	STATUS
Anglo Goedehoop (Bank Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Anglo Greenside Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Anglo Kriel Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Anglo Landau Colliery-Kromdraai & Navigation	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Khuthala Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Black Wattle Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Sasol Mining (Syferfontein) Controlled Release	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Shanduka Coal: Leeuwfontein/Lakeside	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Sumo Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Total coal Forzando South	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Grootpan Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Strathrae Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Withdrawn
Xstrata plc South Witbank Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Xstrata plc Tavistock Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Xstrata plc Witcons Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Withdrawn
Foskor (Pty) Ltd Mine	Mpumalanga		Licence Issued
Samancor: Tubatse Ferrochrome	Limpopo/Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Withdrawn
Sasol Nitro Phalaborwa	Limpopo/Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
New Consort Mine (Baberton Mines)	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
Fairview Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	Licence Issued
New Vaal Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	Licence Issued
Sigma Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	Licence Issued
Rand Uranium	Gauteng	Yes	Licence Issued
Harmony Gold	Gauteng	Yes	Licence Issued
Anglo Ashanti	Gauteng	Yes	Licence Issued
DRD Gold	Gauteng	Yes	Licence Issued

