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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 44 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs J F Terblanche (DA); is attached for your consideration.

With respect to your request attached is a report on the Hammarsdale sludge ponds as **Annexure A** for information.

Copies of replies to questions 387 and 2930 are attached for information.

  
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 28/03/2011

#### DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 29-3-2011

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 44

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**44. Mrs J F Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her replies to questions 387 on 10 March 2010 and 2930 on 23 November 2010, any rehabilitation on the Hammarsdale sludge pond site has commenced; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any further progress has been made in fencing the site; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) when was the last set of water monitoring results obtained and (b) where can members of the public obtain access to these results? NW53E

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**REPLY:**

- (1) No further rehabilitation work has taken place due to budgetary constraints.
- (2) Quotations have been received for the erection of the concrete palisade fence, a contractor will be appointed and the fence completed by the end of April 2011.
- (3)(a) The last set of monitoring was done in March 2010. Based on the results, the consultants appointed have concluded that the sludge ponds are not impacting on surface and groundwater. The next round of monitoring is scheduled for April 2011.
- (3)(b) Copies of the water monitoring report containing the results can be accessed through the Regional Office: KwaZulu-Natal of the Department.

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