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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1559 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 05/07/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓

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

DATE: 20/07/06

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1559

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 17)

1559. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) When will the feasibility study into long-term solutions to acid mine drainage in the Witwatersrand be concluded, (b) which entity is conducting the study, (c) what is the estimated cost of the feasibility study and (d) when does she anticipate that tenders for implementation of the long-term solution will be advertised and awarded;
- (2) whether proposals for implementing long-term solutions are being accepted whilst the feasibility study is still underway; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The feasibility study commenced in January 2012 and will be completed by 28 February 2013 resulting in recommendations on potential long-term solutions for mine water management (including acid mine drainage) in the Witwatersrand becoming available to the Department. Thereafter, the proposed solution(s) will require implementation.
- (1)(b) The study is conducted by the Department's Chief Directorate: Integrated Water Resource Planning, supported by three professional service providers (names furnished) and specialist advisers (names furnished).
- (1)(c) The cost of the feasibility study is R17 720 980.
- (1)(d) While the procurement process of a project of this nature would normally commence on approval of the feasibility study and after all applicable statutory approvals have been obtained, we are also investigating the option of an earlier request for proposals (RFP) which will run parallel with the feasibility study.

During the feasibility study we will also issue a request for information (RFI) in order to register technology, funding and operating options which would inform the feasibility study. The feasibility study is scheduled for completion at the end of February 2013 and the request for proposals (RFP) could commence as early as September 2012.

- (2) Falls away.

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Dear Mr Morgan

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In response to the National Assembly question 1559, the feasibility study into long-term solutions to the acid mine drainage in the Witwatersrand is conducted by the Department's Chief Directorate: Integrated Water Resource Planning which is supported by the Aurecon South Africa as the leading consultant, SRK Consulting and Turner & Townsend as the main sub-consultants and they are supported by Proxa, WSM Leshika, Shango Solutions, Ledwaba Mazwai and Ignis Projects & Finance Solutions as the specialist advisers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B E E Molewa'.

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

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