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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2114 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: 27/08/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED<sup>as</sup>/AMENDED

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

DATE: 2012/08/28

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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### QUESTION NO 2114

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**2114. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) (a) What are the (i) names and (ii) locations of mines that are still operating without a valid water licence since her reply to question 468 on 19 March 2012 and (b) what has been the progress of each specified mine's application for such a licence;
- (2) whether any further (a) directives or (b) pre-directives have been issued against mines operating without water use licences in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2633E

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### **REPLY:**

- (1)(a) Refer to attached **Annexure A**, for the names and locations of mines that have been operating without valid water licences since the Department reply to question 468 on 19 March 2012. The list shows 46 operating without valid water licences compared to the 53 mines as at March 2012. It should be noted that the Department's licencing team has also dealt with many other sectors' water licence and not mining alone. Between March 2012 and 23 August 2012, seven licences have been issued to the following mines:

- Sudor Coal Elandsfontein: Mpumalanga
- Klipspruit Colliery: Mpumalanga
- Stuart Coal: Mpumalanga
- Shanduka Coal: Middleburg Townlands: Mpumalanga
- Phokathaba Platinum Mine: Limpopo/ Mpumalanga
- Panbuilt Siding: KwaZulu-Natal
- Gold View: Gauteng

- (1)(b) Refer to attached **Annexure A**, showing a list of mines who have submitted applications and the status of the applications for water use licence.

The Department has embarked on a process of regulating mining operations with respect to the Department's legislative requirements. Following this process, the Department has received a number of licence applications from the mines that have been operating illegally. It should be noted that the mining licence applications form part of the category of licences that are receiving the highest priority.



# ANNEXURE A

NO	NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENCE APPLIED	STATUS
1	Exxaro: GLISA	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
2	Arnot:	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
3	Kendal (zaid) Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
4	Delmas Coal:/ Kuyasa Coal	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
5	Shanduka Graspan Colliery	Mpumlanaga	Yes	In process
6	Umcebo Colliery Doornrug Coal Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
7	Umcebo Mooifontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
8	Umcebo Nowesco (Brakfontein)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
9	Shanduka Bankfontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
10	Xstrata plc Arthur Taylor Colliery (Open Cast)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
11	Sheba Gold Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
12	Nkomati Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
13	Harmony Gold	Welkom	Yes	In process
14	Simmer and Jack	Stilfontein	Yes	In process
15	Gold Fields	Welkom	No	No licence application received
16	De Beers – Kimberley	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
17	PMG Mine	Northern Cape	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
18	Misty Falls	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
19	Clisa 42 (Pty) Ltd	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
20	Buffelsfontein Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
21	Samancor Chrome Limited	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information
22	Vametco Alloy Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
23	Anglo Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
24	Aquarius Platinum SA	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
25	Lonmin Platinum (Marikana)	North West	Yes	In process
26	Exxaro	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
27	Zuland Anthracite Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
28	Richard Bay Mineral	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Application withdrawn by applicant
29	Imbila Mines	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	In process
30	Somkele Mines	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	In process
31	Springlake Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
32	Uitkomst Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
33	Maquasa West	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
34	Hlobane Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	In process
35	Simmer & Jack	Gauteng	Yes	In process
36	Mintails SA (Pty) Ltd	Gauteng	Yes	In process
37	Gold Fields-Driefontein	Gauteng	Yes	In process
38	Harmony Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
39	Mooiplaats Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
40	Imbabala Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process

NO	NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENCE APPLIED	STATUS
41	Vunene Colliery	Gauteng	No	Pre-application process
42	Umlabu Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
43	Central Rand Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
44	Knights Gold	Gauteng	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
45	Glen Douglas	Gauteng	Yes	In process
46	Lieliefontein Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process