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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2368 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr M M Swathe (DA) is attached for your consideration.

Attached are question 1047 and 1389 of 2010 for reference.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 05/09/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 2012/09/08

Request A. Abrahams to tag these audits *Confidentially*
and forward them to me for
perusal

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2368

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2368. Mr M M Swathe (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 1047 on 20 April 2010 and question 1389 on 20 May 2010, internal audits for assessing compliance with the water use licence have been conducted by the mine (a) in (i) 2010 and (ii) 2011 and (b) since 1 January 2012; if not, why not, in each case; if so,
- (2) whether the audits had been returned to the Department of Water Affairs for scrutiny; if not, what action will be taken against the mine; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the audits have revealed compliance with all the relevant terms and conditions of the water use licence; if not, what areas of noncompliance were identified; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the audits are available for public scrutiny by the affected water users in the vicinity of the mine; if not, why not; if so, how can they be obtained? NW2950E

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REPLY:

- (1) During 2010 and 2011, the mine (name furnished) has conducted internal audits to assess compliance with the conditions of the water use licence. However, the mine has not yet conducted an internal audit for 2012 as such audit is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2012.
- (2) Yes, the mine has submitted its audit reports in respect of 2010 and 2011 (to the Department of Water Affairs (the Department)). The audit report in respect of 2012 is due for submission in November/December 2012.
- (3) The 2011 audit report indicated that the mine is in compliance with the conditions of its water use licence, but identified the need for improved storm water management in line with the requirements of Government Notice No. 704 of 4 June 1999. The mine is currently re-assessing its storm water management practices and a comprehensive plan in this regard is being compiled.
- (4) The audit reports are available for public scrutiny by the affected water users and may be obtained directly from the mine.

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