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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2474 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 16/09/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 20/09/12

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2474

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2474. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether there have been any cases in North West since 1 July 2012 where the water withdrawals of operating mines have compromised the supply of water to other water users in the vicinity of the mines; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the (a)(i) names and (ii) locations of the mines and (b) relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether her department has taken any action to rectify the situation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department is not aware of any instances since 1 July 2012 where the withdrawal of water by operating mines in the North West Province have compromised the supply of water to other water uses. This conclusion is reached on the basis that the Department's Regional Office: North West has since 1 July 2012 not received any information from any other water user relating to compromised water supply.
- (1)(a) Falls away.
- (1)(b) False away.
- (2) Falls away.

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