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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2589 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

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2589. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department has completed a study on the apportionment of liability for acid mine drainage in the Witwatersrand; if not, why not; if so, what are the names of the (a) organisations and (b) persons who conducted the study;
- (2) whether she intends to table the contents of the study in the National Assembly; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the findings of the study will be made public; if not, why not; if so, when?

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REPLY:

- (1) No, the Department has not yet completed the investigation in respect of the apportionment of liability for the acid mine drainage (AMD) in the Witwatersrand. The said investigation is currently in process as one of the key outputs of the Feasibility Study for a long-term solution to address the AMD associated with East, Central and West Rand underground mining basins.
 - (1)(a) The study is conducted by the Department's Chief Directorate: Integrated Water Resource Planning.
 - (1)(b) A team of professional service providers have been contracted to assist the Department.
- (2) The study result will not be tabled in the National Assembly until there is sufficient engagement with the mining sector on their financial contribution for mitigating the AMD in the Witwatersrand.
- (3) Yes, the findings of the study will be made public at a suitable time. The nature of the information necessitates careful consideration and application as it may impact on future negotiations and procurement processes with the relevant parties.

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