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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2786 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr J J van der Linde (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 23/10/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS BEE MOLEWA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 2010/10/24

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2786

<u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 12 OCTOBER 2012</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 32)

2786. Mr J J van der Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What is the expected cost of the proposed pipeline that Rand Water intends building through various properties along Modderfontein Road;
- (2) what is the (a)(i) name and (ii) designation of the project leader of the project and (b)(i) name, (ii) designation and (iii) contact details of the person designated to deal with the public queries on this project;
- (3) whether measures will be taken to secure properties from possible criminal incursions while contractors are working on the proposed affected properties; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) for any walls bordering properties that will be removed during construction, how long after construction is completed is it envisaged that the walls will be replaced;
- (5) whether it is intended to replace the vegetation, including trees, that will be removed during construction, after construction is completed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) The cost of the proposed pipeline that Rand Water intends building through various properties along the Modderfontein Road is estimated at R300 million.
- (2)(a) (Details furnished) of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the project leader.
- (2)(b) (Details furnished) of the Corporate Communications Manager and the designated person to deal with the public queries on this project. The contact details of the person to deal with all public queries are:

Contact Number: (011) 682 0910 or

Email address: gmulzack@randwater.co.za

- (3) The appointed contractor ensures that costs are reserved for employing security persons during construction to secure the properties. This complies with the Safety, Health and Environmental specification.
- (4) All walls bordering properties removed during construction will be replaced immediately after construction is completed.

- (5) In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the following are done:
- Rand Water appoints an independent consultant to undertake a Basic Assessment (BA)/Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Receive Record of Decision (ROD)/ Environmental Authorisation (EA)
- Rand Water prepares an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for construction

The EMP ensures compliance with the conditions as stipulated in the EA. In the case of the pipeline route interfering with vegetation, this will be rehabilitated after construction. The detail of affected trees should be negotiated with the Corporate Communications Manager and designated person to deal with the public queries on this project (details furnished) as it is logical that replanting will depend on the specific position and size of such affected trees.

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Dear Mr J J van der Linde

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In response to your National Assembly question 2786, below are the names and designation of the project leader and the person designated to deal with public queries on the project.

No	Name of employees	Designation of employees
1.	Mr Sechemane	The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the project leader
2.	Mr Gregg Mulzack	The Corporate Communications Manager and designated person to deal with the public queries on this project

Yours sincerely

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

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