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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 468 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

Attached are replies to question 1602 of 2010, 347 and 3327 of 2011.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 09/03/12

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 20/2/03/17

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 468

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

- (1) What (a) are the (i) names and (ii) locations of mines operating without a valid water licence since her reply to question 3327 on 22 November 2011 and (b) has been the progress of each specified mine that is operating without a water licence to apply for a water licence;
- (2) whether she has taken any steps to ensure that mines operating without water licences obtain water licences; if not, why not; if so, what steps;
- (3) whether, since her reply to question 3327 on 22 November 2011, any further (a) directives or (b) pre-directives have been issued against mines operating without water licences in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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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 3327 on 22 November 2011. The list shows 53 mines operating without valid licences as opposed to 69 mines as at June 2011. It must be noted that our licencing team has also dealt with many other sectors' water licence and not mining alone. The processes and procedures are very long, but dealt with thoroughly and that include reserve determinations.
- (1)(b) Refer again to attached **Annexure A**, showing a list of mines who have submitted Water Use Licence Applications (WULAs) and the status of these applications.
- (2) Yes, the Department has embarked on a special initiative, the Letsema Project, to expedite the process of issuing water use licences especially to mines that have been operating without a licence. The aim of this project is to eradicate backlog(s) in mining and all other water use licence application. To date, the project has processed 3250 WULAs leaving 521 still to be finalised as at 9 March 2012.
- (3) Since the Department's reply to question 3327 on 22 November 2011, a total of (a) three (3) pre-directives and (b) two (2) directives have been issued to date.

NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENSE APPLIED FOR (YES/NO)	STATUS
PRE-DIRECTIVES ISSUED			
Blaizepoint Trading 96 CC	Free State	Yes	Contravention of Licence conditions
Chemstof (PTY) Ltd	North West	Yes	Facility operating without water use licence
Rockwell Diamonds Inc.	Northern Cape	Yes	Contravention of license conditions
DIRECTIVES ISSUED			
Befco Mineral Merchants (Pty) Ltd	North West	Yes	Facility operating without water use licence
Chemstof (PTY) Ltd	North West	Yes	Facility operating without water use licence

ANNEXURE A

No.	NAME OF MINING COMPANY (1)(a)(i)	LOCATION OF MINE (1)(a)(ii)	WATER LICENCE APPLIED	STATUS (1)(b)
1	Sudor Coal -Elandsfontein	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
2	Klipspruit Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
3	Exxaro: GLISA	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
4	Arnot:	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
5	Kendal (zaid) Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
6	Delmas Coal:/ Kuyasa Coal	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
7	Shanduka Graspan Colliery	Mpumlanaga	Yes	In process
8	Stuart Coal	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
9	Umcebo Colliery Doornrug Coal Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
10	Umcebo Mooifontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
11	Umcebo Nowesco (Brakfontein)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
12	Shanduka Bankfontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
13	Shanduka Coal: Middleburg Townlands	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
14	Xstrata plc Arthur Taylor Colliery (Open Cast)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
15	Phokathaba Platinum Mine	Limpopo/ Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
16	Sheba Gold Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
17	Nkomati Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
18	Harmony Gold	Welkom	Yes	In process
19	Simmer and Jack	Stilfontein	Yes	In process
20	Gold Fields	Welkom	No	No licence application received
21	De Beers – Kimberley	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
22	PMG Mine	Northern Cape	No (Pre Notice sent in July 2010)	No licence application received
23	Misty Falls	Northern Cape	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information
24	Clisa 42 (Pty) Ltd	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
25	Buffelsfontein Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
26	Samancor Chrome Limited	North West	Yes	In process
27	Vametco Alloy Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
28	Anglo Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
29	Aquarius Platinum SA	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
30	Lonmin Platinum (Marikana)	North West	Yes	In progress
31	Exxaro	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
	NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENCE APPLIED	STATUS
32	Zuland Anthracite Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
33	Richard Bay Mineral	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Application

				withdrawn by applicant
34	Imbila Mines	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	In progress
35	Somkele Mines	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	In process
36	Springlake Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
37	Uitkomst Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
38	Panbuilt Siding	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
39	Maquasa West	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
40	Hlobane Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	In process
41	Simmer & Jack	Gauteng	Yes	In process
42	Mintails SA (Pty) Ltd	Gauteng	Yes	In process
43	Gold Fields-Driefontein	Gauteng	Yes	In process
44	Harmony Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
45	Gold View	Gauteng	Yes	In process
46	Mooiplaats Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
47	Imbabala Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
48	Vunene Colliery	Gauteng	No	Pre-application process
49	Umlabu Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
50	Central Rand Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
51	Knights Gold	Gauteng	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
52	Glen Douglas	Gauteng	Yes	In process
53	Lieliefontain Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process