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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 95 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Dr L L Bosman (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 24/02/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 24/02/2012

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QUESTION NO 95

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95. Dr L L Bosman (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Department of Water Affairs has granted a certain mine (name furnished) in Mogale City a water use licence; if not, what is the status of the application; if so, (a) when was it granted and (b) what (i) is the (aa) name and (bb) designation and (ii) are the contact details of the official who granted the licence;
- (2) whether there is evidence that rigorous consultation was held with interested and affected parties before the licence was granted; if not, what steps does she intend to take to rectify the situation; if so, how was this conclusion reached;
- (3) whether the licence is available for scrutiny by members of the public; if not, how can this be justified; if so, where can it be obtained? NW104E

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REPLY:

- (1) No, the Department has not granted a water use licence authorisation to the mine (name furnished). However, an application of a water use licence authorisation to the mine was received by the Department on 19 April 2010 and the application is still under evaluation. The water use licence application (WULA) was presented on 31 August 2011 to the Water Use Authorisation Assessment Advisory Committee (WUAAAC) which recommended that officials should conduct a site visit. Officials of the Department conducted a site visit to the mine on 5 September 2011. The Department is currently finalising the assessment on the WULA and will be presented to the WUAAAC for recommendation.
- (1)(a) Falls away
- (1)(b) Falls away
- (2) Although the water use licence has not yet been granted, it should be noted that the document submitted by the Mine to the Department on 19 April 2010 indicated that a Scoping and Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) Amendment was communicated to the community on 8 March 2005 at the Muldersdrift Police Station Lapa.
- (3) Falls away

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