



## water affairs

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 302 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs M Wenger (DA) is attached for your consideration.

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)**

DATE: 6/03/2013

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 2013/03/10

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 302

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**302. Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) What (a) are the (i) names and (ii) locations of mines that are operating without a valid water licence as at the latest date for which information is available and (b) has been the progress of each specified mine's application for such a licence;
- (2) whether, since her reply to question 3141 on 4 December 2012, any further (a) directives or (b) pre-directives have been issued against mines operating without water use licences in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?NW379E

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) Refer to the attached **Annexure A** for the list of names and locations of mines that have been operating without valid water use authorisations since the Department's reply to Question 3141 on 4 December 2012. The list shows 39 mines operating without valid water use licences.
- (1)(b) Refer to the attached **Annexure A**, showing a list of mines that have submitted applications and the status of the applications for water use authorisations.

Following the Department's embark of regulating mining operations, as it was indicated in the reply to Question 3141, the Department received a number of licence applications from the mines that have been operating illegally. Between 4 December 2012 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 no decisions were made for the identified mines due to outstanding critical information from the applicants, which is required in order to make decisions and finalise the applications. However, significant progress has been made in the processing of these applications as engagements with the applicants on the outstanding information have taken place.

- (2) A total of (a) one (1) Directive and (b) Zero (0) Pre-directives were issued to date. Please refer to the attached **Annexure B** for the name and the status of the Directive.

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**ANNEXURE A:**

**LIST OF MINES WHO HAVE SUBMITTED WATER USE AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS**

NO	NAME OF MINING COMPANY	LOCATION OF MINE	WATER LICENCE APPLIED	STATUS
1	Exxaro: GLISA	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
2	Arnot:	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
3	Kendal (zaid) Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
4	Delmas Coal:/ Kuyasa Coal	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
5	Umcebo Colliery Doornrug Coal Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
6	Umcebo Mooifontein Colliery	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
7	Umcebo Nowesco (Brakfontein)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
8	Xstrata plc Arthur Taylor Colliery (Open Cast)	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
9	Sheba Gold Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
10	Nkomati Mine	Mpumalanga	Yes	In process
11	Harmony Gold	Welkom	Yes	In process
12	Simmer and Jack	Stilfontein	Yes	In process
13	De Beers – Kimberley	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
14	PMG Mine	Northern Cape	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
15	Misty Falls	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
16	Clisa 42 (Pty) Ltd	Northern Cape	Yes	In process
17	Buffelsfontein Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
18	Samancor Chrome Limited	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information
19	Vametco Alloy Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
20	Anglo Platinum Mine	North West	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
21	Exxaro	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
22	Zuland Anthracite Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
23	Richards Bay Mineral	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Application withdrawn by applicant
24	Imbila Mines	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	In process
25	Somkele Mines	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Outstanding information from mine
26	Springlake Colliery	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
27	Maquasa West	KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
28	Simmer & Jack	Gauteng	Yes	In process
29	Mintails SA (Pty) Ltd	Gauteng	Yes	In process
30	Gold Fields-Driefontein	Gauteng	Yes	In process
31	Harmony Gold	Gauteng	Yes	Awaiting information from mine
32	Mooiplaats Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
33	Imbabala Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
34	Vunene Colliery	Gauteng	No	Pre-application process
35	Umlabu Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process
36	Central Rand Gold	Gauteng	Yes	In process
37	Knights Gold	Gauteng	Yes	Awaiting outstanding information from mine
38	Glen Douglas	Gauteng	Yes	In process
39	Lieliefontein Colliery	Gauteng	Yes	In process

**ANNEXURE B**

**DIRECTIVES AND PRE-DIRECTIVES ISSUED TO MINES OPERATING WITHOUT WATER USE AUTHORISATIONS**

<b>NAME OF MINING COMPANY</b>	<b>LOCATION OF MINE</b>	<b>WATER LICENSE APPLIED FOR (YES/NO)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>DIRECTIVES ISSUED</b>			
PMG MINING (PTY)LTD	NORTHERN CAPE	Yes	Directive in terms of Section 19 (3) and Section 53 (1) of the NWA, Act no 36 of 1998, to conduct Care and maintenance (pollution Prevention)