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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1715 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr. L J Basson (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 5/11/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 09.11.14

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1715

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1715. Mr. L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Which (a) river pans, (b) wetlands and (c) rivers has her department allowed to be mined since 1 January 2004?

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REPLY:

- (a) The Department authorised three (3) river pans to be mined since 1 January 2004. **Annexure A** provides the summary of the licences issued.
- (b) The Department authorised ten (10) wetlands to be mined since 1 January 2004. **Annexure B** provides the summary of licences issued.
- (c) The Department authorised forty one (41) rivers to be mined since 1 January 2004. **Annexure C** provides the summary of licences issued.

In authorising the mining of rivers, pans and wetlands, the Department is cognisant of its mandate to protect, use, develop, conserve and manage water resources. Hence appropriate conditions for to the protection of the affected water resources are imposed on the licences issued for these activities in terms of section 29 of the National Water Act.

Such conditions cover the monitoring, reporting, implementation of mitigation measures, auditing and rehabilitation of the impacts on the affected water resources.

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River pans the department has allowed to be mined or diverted from 2004 to August 2014

PANS					
NO	Name of the Applicant	Licence Number	Region	Name of the Resource	Year Issued
1.	Xstrata Coal Southstock Complex Tavistock and South Witbank Colliery	04/B11F/ABCFGIJ/805	MP	Pan	2011
2.	African Exploration Mining and Finance Cooperation: Vlakfontein Coal Mine phase 1	04/B20G/GIJ/1772	MP	Pan	2012
3.	Kangra Coal Panbult siding (Pty) Ltd	06/W51B/CGI/1737	WC	Pan	2012

Wetlands the department has allowed to be mined or diverted from 2004 to August 2014

WETLANDS					
NO	Name of the Applicant	Licence Number	Region	Name of the Resource	Year Issued
1.	Caro Nome Properties (Pty) Ltd	08/C21D/C1/791	GP	Wetland	2011
2.	Vuna Mining Enterprises (Pty) Ltd	04/B32A/ACGIJ/1672	MP	Wetland	2012
3.	Vanchem Vanadium Products (Pty) Ltd	04/B11K/CGI/1617	MP	Wetland	2012
4.	Universal Coal and Energy (Pty) Ltd: Kangala Coal Mine	04/B20A/ABCGIJ/1506	MP	Wetland	2012
5.	Umcebo Mining: Kleinfontein Colliery (Pty) Ltd	04/B11B/ACGIJ/1896	MP	Channelled valley bottom wetland	2012
6.	Carbon Development Corporation (Pty) Ltd: Zonnebloem mine	04/B32B/ACGIJ/2366	MP	Wetland	2013
7.	Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd: Phola-Kusile Coal Conveyor System	04/B29F/ACFGI/2310	MP	Wetland	2013
8.	Sudor Coal (Pty) Ltd: Weltevreden Colliery	04/B11A/ACGIJ/2173	MP	Wetland	2013
9.	Xstrata Coal South Africa: Impunzi Complex Atcom East Section Goedgenvonden Colliery, Waterpan, WitCons and Boschmans Collieries that form the Tweefontein Complex, Authur Taylor Opencast Mine (ATCOM), Authur Taylor Colliery (ATC) and Phoenix Colliery which form the iMpunzi Complex.	04/B11E/ACFGI/2387	MP	Wetland	2011 2013
10.	Optimum Coal Holding: Klipbank Section	04/B12B/CGLJ/2420	MP	Wetland	2014

Rivers the department has allowed to be mined or diverted from 2004 to August 2014

RIVERS					
NO	Name of the Applicant	Licence Number	Region	Name of the Resource	Year Issued
1.	Xstrata Coal South Africa: Impunzi Complex Atcom East Section	24007995	MP	Unknown tributary	2008
2.	ExxaroLeeuwpan	04/B21A/ABCGIJ/429	MP	A tributary of the Bronkhorstspuit	2011
3.	Limpopo Coal Company (Pty) LtdVele Colliery	01/A71L/ABCGIJ/420	LP	Unnamed tributary of the Limpopo River: Main haul road and discard facility	2011
4.	Transalloys (Pty) Ltd	24088700	MP	Unnamed tributary of the Olifants River	2011
5.	Anglo Operations Limited: Zandasfontein Mine (Izibulo)	04/B11E/CGIJ/692	MP	Saaiwaterspruit and its tributaries	2011
6.	Middleburg Mine Services (Pty) Ltd: Klipfontein Section	04/B11H/CEGIJ/1153	MP	Non Perennial Stream to Vaalbankspruit	2011
7.	Khuthala Colliery BHP Billiton	04/B11A/4/ABCGJ/135	MP	Tributary of the Saaiwaterspruit	2011
8.	Boschhoek Mountain Eco Estate	01/A42A/ACG1/1107	LP	Tributary of Sand River	2011
9.	Northam Platinum Ltd: Booysendal Mining Operations	04/B41G/ABCEFGIJ/966	MP	Groot Dwars River and its tributaries	2011
10.	Anglo Thermal Coal Goedeheop	04/B11B/ACG1J/411	MP	Olifants River	2011
11.	Sasol Nitro: Phalaborwa	04/B72K/ACG1/866	MP	Gypsum Dam and the tributary of the Gypsum Dam	2011
12.	Vuna Mining Enterprises (Pty) Ltd	04/B32A/ACGIJ/1672	MP	Tributary of Selons River	2012
13.	Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd	08/C12D/ACEFGIJ/1274	GP	Grootspruit; a tributary of Grootspruit; Kleinspruit and a tributary of Kleinspruit	2012
14.	Landau Colliery - Navigation Section	04/B20G/ABCGIJ/1498	MP	Brugspruit River; Schoongezicht Valley; unnamed tributary of Kroomdraaispruit and Suikerboschkopspruit	2012
15.	Landau Colliery - Kroomdraai Section	04/B20G/ABCFGIJ/1245	MP	Unnamed tributary of Kroomdraaispruit and Suikerboschkopspruit	2012

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16.	Vanchem Vanadium Products (Pty) Ltd	04/B11K/CGI/1617	MP	Douglasspruit	2012
17.	Optimum Colliery: Eikeboom Section	04/B12B/BCFGIJ/1592	MP	Coetzerspruit; Arendsfontein and Woestallenspruit	2012
18.	Xstrata Alloys Eastern Mines (Pty) Ltd Thorncliffe and Mototolo Mine and Platinum Flotation Mine	04/B41G/ACGIJ/1676	MP	Unknown tributary	2012
19.	Total Coal South - Forzando North Colliery	04/B11A/BCGIJ/1664	MP	Unknown tributary of Olifants River	2012
20.	Two Nine Strathavon cc	03/A21C/C1/1336	NW	Sandspruit River	2012
21.	Xstrata Alloys (Pty) Ltd: Eland Platinum Mine	03/A21J/ABCG1J/1547	NW	Western stream	2012
22.	Lonmin Platinum Marikana Operations	03/A21K/ABCFG1J/1738	NW	Elandsdrift/ Modderspruit	2012
23.	Litha Mining (Pty) Ltd	03/A22F/ACGIJ/1550	NW	Non-perennial river	2012
24.	Rustenburg Platinum Mines Ltd: Union Section	03/A24D/ABC1J/18929	NW	Bierspruit tributary	2012
25.	Umcebo Mining: Kleinfontein Colliery (Pty) Ltd	04/B11B/ACGIJ/1896	MP	Non-perennial tributary of Leewfonteinspruit	2012
26.	Shanduka Coal (Pty) Ltd-MTC Extension	04/B11J/ACGIJ/1865	MP	Spring	2012
27.	Thariso Minerals (Pty) Ltd	16/2/7/A210/C497	NW	Non-perennial tributary of Sterkspruit and a tributary of the Sterkstroom stream	2012
28.	Anglo American Thermal Coal: Goedehoop Colliery Mine (South)	04/B11B/ACFG1/1754	MP	Vlaklaagte River	2013
29.	ThabaCronimet Chrome Mine (Pty) Ltd: Opencast Operation	03/A24F/ACGIJ	NW	Bierspruit	2013
30.	Pilanesburg Platinum Mine (Pty) Ltd	03/A24D/AACGU/2037	NW	Mothabe	2013
31.	Aquarius SA (Pty) Marikana Platinum Mine	03/A21K/ABCG1J/1469	NW	Brakspruit eastern tributary	2013
32.	Carbon Development Corporation (Pty) Ltd: Zonnebloem mine	04/B32B/ACGIJ/2366	MP	Selons River	2013
33.	Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd: Phola-Kusile Coal Conveyor System	04/B29F/ACFGI/2310	MP	Klipfonteinspruit, Saalkapspruit, Wilge river, Holfonteinspruit and unnamed tributary of the	2013

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NO	Name of the Applicant	Licence Number	Region	Name of the Resource	Year Issued
				Wilge river	
34.	Xstrata Coal South Africa (Pty) Ltd: Tweefontein Optimization Project	04/B11F/ACGIJ/2004	MP	Moolmans River and TweefonteinSpruit	2013
35.	Assmang (Khumani) Iron Ore Mine	10/D41J/BCIJ/2122	NC	King/Mokaning Diversion	2013
36.	Sasol Mining Pty Ltd: Impumelelo Mine	08/C12D/ABCEFGIJ/2160	GP	Grootspruit, OuhoutspruitWolwespruit, Kaalspruit and tributaries	2013
37.	Anglo Platinum: Rustenburg Platinum Mines Rustenburg Section	03/A22H/ACGIJ/926	NW	Klipfonteinspruit	2013
38.	Xstrata Coal South Africa: Impunzi Complex Atcom East Section Goedgenvonden Colliery, Waterpan, WitCons and Boschmans Collieries that form the Tweefontein Complex, Authur Taylor Opencast Mine (ATCOM), Authur Taylor Colliery (ATC) and Phoenix Colliery which form the iMpunzi Complex.	04/B11E/ACFGI/2387	MP	Steenkoolspruit Alpha Stream	2011 2013
39.	Optimum Coal Holding: Klipbank Section	04/B12B/CGLJ/2420	MP	Unnamed tributary and associated wetland of Vaalbankspruit- mining drainage	2014
40.	Koornfontein Mine Pty Ltd: Koornfontein Processing Plant	04/B12B/ACGI/2509	MP	Tributary of Krokodilspruit	2014
41.	Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd : Syfontein Colliery (Tweedraai underground shaft)	01/B11D/ABCEFGIJ/2474	MP	Unnamed tributary of the Zwakspruit)	2014

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