



## water & sanitation

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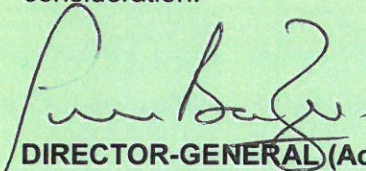
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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

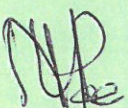
### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1860 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



MRS NP MOKONYANE  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 07.10.14



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1860

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 18)

**1860. Ms J Steenkamp (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether her department has ever laid criminal charges against a certain mine (details furnished); if so, (a) when were the charges laid and (b) what (i) are the case numbers and (ii) were the charges;
- (2) does the mine have a valid water licence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department ever instructed a certain company (name furnished) to stop mining the Weltevredenpan at its Leeupan mine in the catchment area of the Olifants River outside Delmas in Mpumalanga; if not, why not; if so; when were the mining activities stopped?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The Department has not laid any criminal charges against the mine (details furnished).
- (2) Yes, the mine does have a valid water license, subject to conditions set by the Department. The license number is: **04/B21A/ABCGIJ/429** and authorises the mine to exercise water uses relating to sections 21(a), 21(b), 21(c), 21(g), 21(i) and 21(j) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998.
- (3) Yes, the Department directed the mine to stop mining the Weltevrededpan. The mine lodged an appeal to the Water Tribunal, in terms of Section 148 of the National Water Act, 1998, Act 36 of 1998; however, due to the fact that the Water Tribunal was not operational at the time, the mine brought an urgent application against the Department in the North Gauteng High Court to suspend the directive. The Department is conducting ongoing compliance inspections.

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