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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2510 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: *22/11/14*

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~



MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: *24.11.14*

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2510

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2510. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether her department has ever laid any criminal charges against the Vierfontein mine in the Olifantsriver in Mpumalanga; if so, (a) on what date was the charges laid, (b) what are each of the case numbers and (c) what was the charge in each case;
- (2) who are the (a) directors and (b) shareholders of the mining company who manages the specified mine?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, the Department has laid criminal charges against the Vierfontein Mine.
- (1)(i) A case was opened on 01 February 2012.
- (1)(b) The Department is not permitted by the National Prosecuting Authority to disclose the case numbers of any case. The matter is sub judice. Due to the sensitivity and confidentiality of the matter pending finalisation of the criminal prosecution processes.
- (1)(c) The charges were in accordance with sections 19, 20, 53 read with Section 151 (a) (i) of the National Water Act which relate to (a) use water other than as permitted under this Act and (i) unlawfully and intentionally or negligently commit any act or omission which pollutes or is likely to pollute a water resource.
- (2)(a) The Department is not permitted to disclose the information of the directors of the mine.
- (2)(b) The Department is not permitted to disclose the information of the shareholders of the mine.

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