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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 17 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

DATE: 2014/03/03

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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For me to discuss with the all

this afternoon. Send this response

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QUESTION NO. 17

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Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the project to supply water to Hertzogville from the Vaal River has been completed; if not, why not; if so, when will it be completed;
- (2) whether she has been informed of any problems affecting the commissioning of this project; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when does the municipality intend to finalise the project;
- whether the commissioning of the project is being held back as a result of the unavailability of certain persons (names furnished) who should open the project officially; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

(1) Yes, all aspects of the project have been completed. This includes the raw water pump station, the supply pipeline, the raw water storage reservoir, water treatment works and the clear water reservoir.

The water supply pipeline was tested and commissioned on 22 January 2014. Water is therefore continuously pumping into the raw water storage dam at the water treatment works. This enables filling the water treatment works for the water tightness testing and to prepare the commissioning.

(2) No problems regarding the commissioning were experienced. The commissioning of the total project is in process, and the project commissioning will be completed in phases.

The completion of the pump station and pipeline allowed for the raw water storage dam to be filled with water. This process started on 22 January 2014 and the plant was filled on 25 January 2014 for the water tightness test. The plant is currently being tested and its expected completion date is 5 March 2014. Water supply is envisaged to start on the same day.

(3) No, after testing and commissioning has been completed, the treatment works will start delivering water from 5 March 2014.

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