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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★62 FOR ORAL REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 10/09/2014

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

**MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 14.09.14

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR ORAL REPLY

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★62. Mr J J Londt (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether any progress has been made regarding the strategic integrated project of the Umzimbuvu Scheme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO147E

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REPLY:

The feasibility study for the planning of the Mzimvubu Water Project is progressing according to programme, with a scheduled completion date of 30 October 2014. The study comprises the feasibility design of two large dams (which are Ntabelanga Dam and Lalini Dam), bulk water distribution pipelines and associated infrastructure for domestic and irrigation water supply, and hydropower generation.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the project is on a fast-track programme to obtain authorisation of the project by the end of 2014. The scoping phase of this study has been completed and the impact assessment and specialist studies are in progress. The milestones for completion of this study are as follows:

- Draft environmental impact report (EIR) comment period is scheduled from mid-October to November 2014;
- Final EIR comment period is scheduled from mid-November to December 2014; and
- Authorisation from Department of Environmental Affairs is scheduled for end December 2014/ January 2015.

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