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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1215 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: a /5/16

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 28.09-16

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1215

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1215. Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Why is there still a court order in place for breaching of the uMfolozi River in KwaZulu-Natal when the river hits a certain level, given that iSimangaliso Wetland Park removed the historical dredge spoil to encourage the natural drainage of the specified river? NW1355E

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REPLY:

The removal of the dredge spoil will take years to complete. The current beach channel is frequently blocks, as the sand dune alongside it, collapses into it.

An interim court order was issued on 15 October 2015. This interim court order will remain in force until the court decides the matter has been finalised. A court date has been set for 19-20 May 2016. It should be noted that the interim court order stipulates, that breaching is permitted when the level of at Cotcane Farm reaches 1.2m above sea level.

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