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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 635

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635. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the Sedibeng Regional Sewer project which remains central to resolving the issues that affect the Vaal River system in the Emfuleni Local Municipality (details furnished), he has any plans to urgently revive such a project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether such plans include the local community, civil society and organised business structures; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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- (1) The project has been prioritised and is part of the immediate scope of works that will be undertaken by Rand Water appointed by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in terms of Section 63 of the Water Services Act 108 of 1997 as an Implementing Agent of Section 63 which include Vaal River System Intervention Project to execute the restoration of water services infrastructure to an operational state.
- Minister Mchunu accompanied by Premier Makhura, MEC of COGTA Mr Maile and Mayor of Emfuleni Local Municipality Mr Moerane held a stakeholder engagement session dated 12 October 2021 in Vanderbijlpark. It was attended by 46 various organizations comprised of community structures, civil society and organised business. The stakeholder engagement session culminated in the establishment of a Project Steering Committee (PSC) co-chaired by Deputy Minister Mahlobo and MEC Maile. The PSC has met twice already, on 25 October 2021 and 5 November 2021 respectively.

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MS DEBORAH MOCHOTLHI ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL DATE: 15-12-2021

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP

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