

DEPARTMENT: WATER AFFAIRS
AMATOLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM RECONCILIATION STRATEGYMINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP
MEETING NO.14 HELD ON 16 MAY 2012 AT UWP'S OFFICES, EAST LONDON

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1.	WELCOME					
	IT welcomed all present to the meeting.					
2.	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES					
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3.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA					
	The agenda was adopted with the following changes.					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include item 5.3: DWA letter of thanks: East London Museum. 					
4.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (1 March 2012)					
4.1	Approval of the previous minutes					
	The minutes were accepted subject to the following changes:					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 1: item 2.2: A. Starkey to be removed from schedule of apologies. A. Starkey will not attend ASATSG meetings, but must be included on the distribution list. Page 2: item 4.2: bullet 4: - correct spelling of "gauging". Page 2: Item 4.2: bullet 5: - "onto" to read "on to". Page 2: Item 4.2: bullet 9: - remove "AL/VK" from the action column. Certain changes were made to the distribution list. Refer to the updated distribution list attached in this regard. 					



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<p>4.2</p>	<p><i>Matters arising not on the Agenda</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Some updates were received prior to the meeting and others during the meeting; and ➢ NE confirmed that M. Kawa and S. Blie of the DWA: RO were invited to the ASATSG meeting and are on the distribution list. • Letter to DWA Cradock re: Abbotsford Gauging Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ SR advised that recommendations on the proposed methodology for calibrating flows were pending but would be submitted shortly. • Letter to ASSOCC re: System operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ IT confirmed that the recommendation from the ASATSG had been received and had been passed on to DWA: HO D: WRPS (Dr. B. Mwaka) for consideration. JP to follow-up on progress in this regard, but advised that this matter is linked to the BCMM/DWA agreement on system integration. • BCMM/DWA Agreement RE Integrated System Operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ KV advised that the matter had not as yet been resolved. Following discussions it was agreed/stated that : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the legal position in the Laing Dam allocation (basis of agreement between “BCMM” and “DWA” regarding the transfer of ownership of the Laing Dam to the then Ciskei Government) needs to be obtained, and it must clearly indicate whether there is a right to access to the allocation with or without payment; ▪ BCMM would abide by the substantiated legal opinion; and ▪ BCMM would require this information (in written format) in order to take the matter to their Council for consideration adoption. • Water Quality Graphs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ WS advised that the information/graphs presented at the ASSSC were not in the agreed format (2 year history of rolling 8 quarters) and that the information/graphs were not being forwarded to all stakeholders on a quarterly basis as agreed. ➢ Following discussions it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a need to reinforce the process such that reporting becomes routine; ▪ WS to remind all parties of the requirements in terms of water quality reporting; and ▪ WS to remind DWA:RO 1 month and also two weeks in advance of any reporting deadline. • BCMM WC/WDM Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ MM-BCMM confirmed that the Strategy had been approved by their Engineering Standing Committee in February 2012 and that it is now due for submission at the next Mayoral Committee Meeting for adoption. ➢ MM-BCMM also advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ R3.0 million (DWA funding) has been allocated for WC/WDM projects for the 2012/13 financial year; ▪ R70 million has been allocated for WC/WDM leak repairs in KWT for the 2012/2013 financial year; and ▪ Further funding has been allocated to other projects, which of do not fall under WC/WDM funding, but which do have WC/WDM benefit. 	<p>ACTION</p> <p>SR</p> <p>JP</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC/MM-BCMM</p> <p>ALL WS WS</p> <p>MM-BCMM</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCMM – Water Re-use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ WK confirmed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The addendum to the Strategy has not been completed; ○ BCMM are waiting on this addendum prior to submitting the Strategy to their Engineering Standing Committee for consideration; and ○ It is planned that the Strategy be presented at the next Engineering Standing Committee meeting in June 2012. • Position Papers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ WK confirmed that the draft ASATSG position papers on the BCMM proposed re-use scheme from the Mdantsane WWTWs, as well as the proposed re-use scheme (allocation exchange) for the Ncera Macadamia Nuts project had been circulated for comment. WK also advised that these were not feasibility studies but rather notes to guide DWA:RO and other stakeholders in terms of the potential “reconciliation” impact of these initiatives. ➢ Following discussions the following were highlighted regarding the “Ncera Nuts” Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water quality suitability concern should be included in the position paper; ▪ The treated effluent is likely to be less saline than the borehole water currently being used to water the saplings; ▪ The assurance of supply is a key issue and particularly that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ “Ncera Nuts” would be subject to restrictions during drought periods as per the system operating rules. ❖ The benefit of using treated effluent is that it would provide a 100% assurance of supply. ▪ BCMM should consider treated effluent tariff structures that provide some form of incentive to promote its use. ➢ IT requested that these drafts be submitted to all ASATSG members for consideration/comment. • Newsletter 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ LF confirmed that the newsletter was approved for circulation at the previous ASSSC meeting and that it would be circulated together with the latest press statement. ➢ IT confirmed that the press statement is scheduled for release. ➢ LF to liaise with IT and DWA:RO to facilitate on the simultaneous release of the statement and newsletter locally, on 18 May 2012. ➢ Following discussions it was agreed that a further newsletter should be planned for release in July 2012 and should consider the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Surface water screening workshop; ▪ System optimisation/regional planning workshop; and ▪ Re-use strategy (Ncera Nuts). ➢ Following discussions, during which certain changes were recommended, it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members were to submit their comments within 7 days; ○ SR to forward local pictures to LF for use in the newsletter; ○ The newsletter is to be circulated in advance of the screening workshop; and ○ Certain changes are required to the distribution list. 	<p>WK MM- BCMM WK/MM- BCMM</p> <p>WK</p> <p>BCMM</p> <p>WK/NE</p> <p>LF LF</p> <p>ALL SR LF/WK LF/WK</p>



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5.	SURFACE WATER SCREENING WORKSHOP	
5.1	Way Forward	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ It was required that the starter document be updated based on the workshop outcomes. ➢ An executive summary on the process and way forward be provided and that it should also clearly highlight the latest study start date. 	<p>WK WK</p>
5.2	DWA Letter of thank: East London Museum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT confirmed that DWA had sent a letter thanking the East London Museum for their inputs in the planning for the screening workshop. • WS advised that it appears that the letters were not received. AT to locate copies of these letters and forward to WS. 	AT
6.	INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS ASSSC MEETING (27 MARCH 2012)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussion it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Limited time should be spent trying to further optimize system yield; ➢ Modelling of the impact of a regional WTP in Kei Road on system yield should be undertaken and should be ready in advance of the planning workshop of 21 June 2012; and ➢ There is nominal benefit in reviewing the annual restriction decisions at this point in time, but it was requested at the previous ASSSC meeting that this be undertaken to facilitate routine engagement of ASSOCC members. 	<p>EL EL</p>
7.	PLANNING WORKSHOP	
8.	GENERAL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT requested that Blue Drop and Green Drop be standard items on future agendas. • IT confirmed the need to update the URV's on all reconciliation interventions. 	<p>WK WK</p>
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	
9.1	ASATSG Meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th August 2012 @ 12:00 (UWP offices: East London) 	
9.2	ASSSC Meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th September 2012 (08:00 – 17:00 @ the East London Golf Club) 	
10.	CLOSURE	
	IT thanked all for their attendance and active participation and closed the meeting.	



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