



**DEPARTMENT: WATER AFFAIRS  
AMATOLE SYSTEM RECONCILIATION STRATEGY**

**MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP  
MEETING NO. 3 HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT HAMILTON SPORTS CLUB, EAST LONDON**

						<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. WELCOME</b>	IT welcomed all present, especially Mr Kowie Joubert from EC DoA, whom she had invited to clarify irrigation issues.					
<b>2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES</b>						
2.1	<i>Present:</i>					
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<b>3. AGENDA</b>						
3.1	<i>Changes to the Agenda:</i>					
	Nil					
3.2	<i>Adoption of the Agenda</i>					
	The agenda was adopted.					



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<b>4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p>The minutes of the previous ASATSG meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous ASSSC were reviewed but would only be formally considered at the next ASSSC meeting.</p>	
<b>5 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS ASATSG MEETINGS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ToRs and membership lists for the respective committees have been circulated. WK advised that to date he has not received any comments / inputs in terms of the above. WK was advised to circulate these again and request inputs / comments for finalisation at the next ASATSG meeting, failing which the membership lists and ToRs would remain as is.</li><li>• A revised organogram indicating the institutional structure / relationships between the respective committees was circulated for perusal. It was agreed that the organogram would only be considered at the next ASSSC meeting.</li><li>• WK confirmed that Version 3 of the Executive Summary had been circulated, for comment but that no inputs had been received to date. The Executive Summary will however be updated based on today's "irrigation" discussions and be re-circulated for comment.</li><li>• WK also confirmed that Progress / Status Report No. 1 was currently being prepared for consideration at the next ASATSG meeting (13/10/2009) and for presentation at the next ASSSC meeting (11/11/2009).</li><li>• WK confirmed that an updated list of projects / studies could not readily be compiled without first obtaining the status of ongoing projects / studies. A list was therefore circulated, together with additional columns to indicate progress and revised completion date. This was also undertaken for the list of recommendations. It was agreed that WK would circulate these to all members and that members were to respond by the end of September 2009.</li><li>• WK confirmed that the updating of the historical water requirements was ongoing and that a map / layout schematic would soon be circulated indicating the location of the metering / monitoring points.</li><li>• LF confirmed that Version 3 of the communication strategy had been circulated and was available for discussion at today's meeting. It was agreed that WK is to circulate it to DWA for perusal prior to circulation to all members for consideration.</li><li>• It was confirmed that irrigation issues would be discussed at today's meeting.</li></ul>	<p><b>ALL/WK</b></p> <p><b>ASSSC</b></p> <p><b>WK</b></p> <p><b>WK</b></p> <p><b>WK</b></p> <p><b>WK</b></p> <p><b>WK/DWA</b></p>



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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SR confirmed that the feasibility study for the East Coast Bulk Pipeline is ongoing and should be completed by end of October 2009. A copy of the report would then be made available to the next ASATSG (13/10/2009) for perusal and comment.</li> </ul>	SR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SN reported that an abstraction permit/license for water use from the Wriggleswade Dam for supply to the Great Kei municipal area had been received. IT and FS indicated that they should be consulted on water availability but were unaware of such development. The EC RO cannot issue any licences, but make recommendations to DWA HO. IT / FS to investigate.</li> </ul>	IT/FS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT stated that RBIG funding for the kind of work involved in supplying the Great Kei area from the Wriggleswade Dam was just not available and that it was imperative that local sources be further investigated and that WC/WDM be fully implemented first.</li> </ul>	ADM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WK confirmed that a decision on the conceptual study proposed to review water use / abstraction higher up in the Yellowwoods River was still pending from DWA. IT questioned whether this study should be initiated via the ASOCC. A decision in this regard needs to be taken.</li> </ul>	IT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WK confirmed that reports on augmentation studies undertaken by BCM and WC/WDM activities currently being implemented by BCM has not yet been received.</li> </ul>	MM - BCM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MM-BCM confirmed that a meeting with DWA Water Use Efficiency had been undertaken to assist BCM in taking the WC/WDM forward. A more detailed report on developments will be provided at the next ASATSG (13/10/2009) meeting.</li> </ul>	MM-BCM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WK confirmed that he was still in the process of finalising the workplan.</li> </ul>	WK
	<p><b>ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS ASSSC MEETING:</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dates for a presentation to the AW Board has been confirmed, but those to the BCM and ADM Engineering Standing Committees have not yet been confirmed. BCM and ADM to confirmed the dates for the presentation.</li> </ul>	MS/SN MM-BCM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrew Lucas still to provide the name of the person in Provincial Government to sit on the ASSSC.</li> </ul>	AL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WK to e-mail the presentations to DWA, AW and ADM for perusal and comment. The presentation will then be finalised based on the consolidated input of the various stakeholders.</li> </ul>	WK	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DWA presentation to the DG is still pending.</li> </ul>	IT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update in terms of climate change investigation to be undertaken via the operating rules study team and is still pending.</li> </ul>	JP	



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7.	<p>WK confirmed that a draft report on the water re-use potential has been prepared and circulated to DWA for comment. Hard copies of the updated report were issued at the meeting. IT/FS/AT to review and comment prior to circulation to other members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WS confirmed that members of the Annual Operating Rules study team had not as yet made contact with him with regard water quality issues.</li> </ul>	<p>IT/AT/FS</p> <p>JP</p>
7.1	<p><b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b></p> <p><i>Irrigation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WK stated that although the irrigation requirements themselves may not necessarily be that significant, they do have a significant impact in terms of the timing of the next intervention. This was indicated on the water balance graph contained in the executive summary.</li> <li>• WK stated that the system yields were determined excluding irrigation and environmental water requirements, which were treated as requirements on the system. IT suggested that WK contact Alan Bailey at SSI with a view to clarifying system yields (i.e. whether they included or excluded irrigation requirements and return flows) and anticipated water requirements.</li> <li>• Following extensive discussions it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Strategy is not to provide for a low and high growth scenario for irrigation but only for 1 “realistic” scenario. All applications would thereafter be managed on that basis;</li> <li>➤ The Strategy is to provide for compensation releases only from Laing and Wiggleswade dams, but include irrigation releases for the Upper Buffalo;</li> <li>➤ This equates to the intermediate scenario as presented in Table 4.18 of the Strategy Study Report.</li> <li>➤ WK to update the Executive Summary and Presentation to reflect the above.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>WK</p> <p>WK</p>
7.2	<p><i>WC/WDM - Water Re-Use</i></p> <p>IT stressed that WC/WDM and re-use of water are of utmost importance. Therefore the feasibility and availability of water re-use must be fully investigated.</p>	<p>BCM/AW/ ADM</p>



		<b>ACTION</b>
7.3	<p><i>Presentation to BCM and ADM Councils and AW Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WK confirmed that the presentations are substantially complete;</li> <li>• Amatola Water Board meeting to take place on 25.9.2009;</li> <li>• WK to finalise date of BCM presentation with Graham Cowley;</li> <li>• IT suggested that a presentation be done to the Premier's office. WK to confirm a possible date with Andrew Lucas;</li> <li>• Human Settlement Department must be represented on the Strategy Steering Committee. Andrew Lucas to propose a suitable representative.</li> </ul>	<p><b>WK</b></p> <p><b>AL</b></p>
7.4	<p><i>Communication Strategy</i></p> <p>WK advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Communication Strategy would be circulated to DWA first for consideration, prior to circulation to others. FS stressed that it was of utmost importance that all stakeholders be actively involved in the process, as their buy-in was critical; and</li> <li>• Once the Strategy had been circulated to all parties, feedback would be required by 30 September 2009.</li> </ul>	
7.5	<p><i>Water Quality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issues regarding the recent press releases with regard poor river and sea water quality was raised.</li> <li>• WK advised that addressing water quality issues at source of pollution was addressed in the Strategy. BCM and other stakeholders should be required to present progress in their efforts to address these problems.</li> <li>• IT advised that such issues should be addressed at ASOCC meetings.</li> <li>• It was then enquired as to whether there was a need to report on water quality to the ASSSC. IT suggested that the Chairperson of the ASOCC should report on such matters if relevant to the implementation of the Reconciliation Strategy at the ASSSC meetings.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ASOCC</b></p> <p><b>ASOCC</b></p>
7.6	<p><i>Climate Change</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change is being investigated as part of the Amathole Operating Rules Study. Should it be found that climate change could possibly have an impact on future planning (i.e. reduced system yield with time) they would then feed this information back to the ASATSG.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JP</b></p>



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7.7	<p><i>Drivers of water requirement within the AWSS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WK advised that housing is likely to be the key driver of water requirement in the AWSS. Therefore, greater clarity regarding the intended delivery was required to better anticipate possible jumps in water requirements. BCM and Province would be key informants in this regard. There is a need for these players to forward such information to the ASATSG.</li></ul>	<b>MM-BCM EC-HSD</b>
7.8	<p><i>Wriggleswade Link: Programme to completion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IT provided a progress report from MM-DWA. The contract with the service provider has lapsed and there is a need to re-advertise to complete this work. Hence further delays in the completion of the link from Wriggleswade Dam is anticipated.</li></ul>	
8.	<p><b>ACTIONS FROM ASOCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Terms of Reference was discussed and circulated for comment / input.</li><li>SR to forward a ½ page Progress Report to WK for distribution.</li></ul>	<b>SR</b>
9.	<p><b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>This item was not discussed at length due to time constraints.</p>	
9.1	<p><i>Work Programme for 2009/10 (Annexure A)</i></p> <p>WK advised that work in this regard is still ongoing.</p>	<b>WK</b>
9.2	<p><i>Contractual Matters</i></p> <p>Nil</p>	
9.3	<p><i>Administrative Items</i></p> <p>Nil</p>	
10.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 13 October 2009 at Hamilton's Sports Club at 12:00.</p>	
11.	<p><b>CLOSURE</b></p> <p>IT thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	