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Illegal water users taught a lesson

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People involved in the illegal trade of sand mining will think twice before engaging in such activities as the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) tightens the grip on perpetrators.

The DWS KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) provincial Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement operations recently won a court case against Adheel Sands/KwaZulu Bulk Logistics cc, a sand supply company in KwaDukuza, North coast of KZN.

The company was caught after DWS and Umngeni Water Board conducted an investigation on illegal sand mining operations along the Mvoti River which is the primary source of water for KwaDukuza Town. They were mining without water use authorisation issued by the department.

Adheel Sands was found in violation of the National Water Act of 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998), by the Durban High Court. The court granted an interdict against KwaZulu Bulk Logistics CC to cease unlawful water use activity in Mvoti River. This was pending the outcome of the Water Tribunal which sat and found the company guilty.

All water users/sand miners are required to apply for a water use authorisation from the Department of Water and Sanitation prior to commencing with this activity. The department encourages people to report any suspicious or unlawful activities of a similar nature via its Toll-free number 0800 200 200.

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