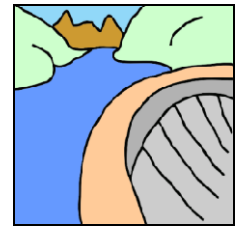


MINUTES

BLESBOKSPRUIT FORUM

Thursday 07 August 2014
 Impala Platinum, Springs
 10:00 – 13:00



No	Item	Action
1	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the forum. 	P Khwinana
2	Introduction of Attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All attendees introduced themselves 	All
3	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carina Burger (Impala) Angelic Jeffrey (GDARD) Mogale Matseba (DWA) Vukosi Ndlopfu (GDARD) Melissa Pillay (Canyon Coal) Louis Kleynhans (ERGO) Carina Burger (Impala Platinum) Khorommbi Khononani (DWA) Trevor Khosa (DWA) 	
4	Minutes of the Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pg1 No 4 T Pather mentioned that Golder Associates is still busy with licence application and it will present next meeting Pg4. 11.6 Change thinks to things on the statement Pg4. 11.15 Change measure to major in the sentence Pg5. 16.2 D. Smith would like to find out about the Presentation that Mr Matome Mahasa made to the forum in August 2013, how far is the work he presented. He further mentioned that the Forum is supposed to be the driving force of the Catchment Management Agency (CMA). He also mentioned that it is a requirement in Sappi licence to attend the Forums but he has much better things to do at the office than to come to forums and never get answers. M de Fontein also added that the Forums don't get due recognition and CMAs will fall if the Forums are not consulted. P.Khwinana mentioned that the Director was supposed to have attended the meeting but something came up that he had to deal with but this will be Actioned to the Director of Institutional Establishment A Maurizi also said that the way this whole issue of CMA is run, it is saying nobody wants to hear the Forum issues and nobody wants to come to Forums to waste time sitting at the Forum without answers. J Van Niekerk mentioned that they don't have any other resource of getting information than at the forum. Reserve Determination There is a concern that no licences are issued and the Reserve	

	<p>section requested information from Region. Where is the reserve Report? Jacky Jay mentioned that comprehensive reserve was done in 2009 and further explained the process of Reserve determination.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed per agenda. 	
6 6.1	<p>Additions to the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no additions. 	
7 7.1	<p>Items for Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSc Report from Garth Barnes, M de Fontein will distribute to the members, He also mentioned that Garth left Wessa. 	M de Fontein
8 8.1	<p>Water Quality Status</p> <p>DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L.Mutshekwa presented the Water quality report. He mentioned problems on point 5 with high faecal coliforms. N.Motha mentioned that Herbert bickley WWTWs is currently being upgraded and this may be the reason for high levels of Faecal Coliforms M de Fontein raised concern around the data gaps on the report and L Mutshekwa mentioned the problems is with the laboratory tender contract is not being approved yet. A Becker asked when will the sampling continue, when will the sampling continue, who is accountable to make sure that sampling is done. As Water Affairs is the custodian of water resources. He Asked that the Chairperson ensure this questions are escalated and the forum get a report back directly from him before the next Forum 	DWS
8.2	<p>Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rand Water will not present the water Quality report as the discussion is still underway internally. The Department must make sure this is resolved timeously. 	Rand Water / Marc De Fontaine
8.3	<p>Ekurhuleni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Maurizi said that there were some challenges in printing the report and the venue did not provide any projector for presentation. But she further mentioned that there was major challenges at Benoni area. There was an incident in Homestead lake in March 2014. At Brakpan one of the sampling points showed some problems in June/July results and that point will be earmarked to be checked. 	
8.4	<p>Erwat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gippie mentioned that all plants use exemption standards, Ecoli is on red due to the fact that the standard on exemption is zero. Benoni WWTWs experience problems with regard to pumping sludge due to capacity constraints Lesedi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 	
8.5	<p>Biomonitoring and Flow Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Smith mentioned that no flow monitoring on the river points passing through to Welgedacht WWTWs. How do they 	GDARD

	<p>determine the health of the River.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. Motha asked about licence condition on Biomonitoring as there is a challenge on doing SASS. • D. Smith mentioned that Water and Sanitation don't have a process that allows them to take flow equipment from external sources and the mean time the flow meters have been stolen • He also mentioned that experts have been consulted on biomonitoring and the condition on licence won't be complied to as the expert said the area around Cowles dam has too much reeds. • It was concluded that the licensee will have to apply for an amendment with reference to expert's report. • GDARD reported that they started monitoring in 2012 and when they started the score was on 3 and in summer there was a slight improvement to 4.5. The nature reserve was cleaned, the culverts where opened. 	
9	<p>Solid Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Pather reported that there were no major impacts. On the 5th of September there is a meeting with DEA to report back to D. Smith on this issue • He mentioned that interwaste is applying for Section c and I for a new land fill. 	T Pather
10 10.1 10.2	<p>Local Authorities Report Back (5-minutes)</p> <p>Ekurhuleni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on WQM reporting <p>Lesedi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report in their absence 	A. Maurizi
11 11.1 11.2	<p>Organizations Report Back (5-minutes)</p> <p>ACSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>AMD Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No water level data, construction commence in June 2014 • . Contract awarded in January 2014 Shaft 3 of Aurora mine will be built an HDS facility. • Project completion scheduled September 2014, ECL might be compromised but pumping should be done. • Possible application for disposal of waste residues where looked at. Also cost recovery options for treatment were also considered. • Environmental levy is also is being investigated <p>Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Treasury has approved model funding 	M. Dlamini J.Van Wyk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMD technical task team to report to Inter departmental task team • DWS will appoint implementing agent (TCTA & Rand Water) • Rand Water will probably look at maintenance. 	
11.3	<p>Ergo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology received 	
11.4	<p>Erwat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welgedacht WWTWs – a project to increase capacity of the plant is still ongoing; the project is expected to be completed July 2015. 	G.Hefer
11.5	<p>GDARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to add on, reported under biomonitoring 	GDARD
11.6	<p>Grootvaly Blesbokspruit Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	
11.7	<p>New Kleinfontein</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S Sidu reported that there was an incident of bridge of hydrocarbons. He invited affected and interested to come to site the once it is over. 	
11.8	<p>Sappi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Smith mentioned that Sappi will be applying for abstraction of water from Cowles dam. • They had a major fish kill and people were scooping fish from the dam. He said apparently there is removal of reeds by Metro which can lead to agitation of fish kill. • Water will now be taken from Welgedacht WWTWs and application for emergency was sent to GDARD • Blue scorpions were on their site to try find out about registration of Cowles dam. • HE said that it doesn't mean if it is in Sappi property it is their dam. Because they are not owning it. 	
11.9	<p>Impala Platinum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	
11.10	<p>Wetland Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
11.11	<p>Karan Beef</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Van Niekerk reported that they are doing their best to come up with the right limits • Balfour cables have been stolen for the last four months • They would like to find out about Reserve determination, risk and mitigation, Illegal mining. Progress with AMD what is the Department's support on this. 	
11.12	<p>Largo Colliery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology, but M.De Fontein mentioned that mining rights has 	

11.13	<p>been executed.</p> <p>Mpact Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
12 12.1	<p>NGO's / Other Report Back (5-minutes)</p> <p>Gauteng Wetland Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
12.2	<p>WESSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent without apology. 	
13.	<p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
14.	<p>Water Use License Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated spreadsheet will be on the website. 	
15	<p>CMA Process</p> <p>The project Steering Committee (RSC) meeting was held in February 2014. The next meeting was scheduled in May 2014 but was postponed due moratorium placed by Head Office on CMA public meetings. However the meetings will continue in due course.</p>	
16 16.1 16.2	<p>Discussion of Additions to the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum assistance <p>The assistance that Rand water has been offering to the Department for the past 18 months will cease. He mentioned that it is no longer working as he is now acting as the forum's secretary and Water Affairs has not been coming forth to do its part as they are chairing the Forum. It is now a complete overload on Rand Water.</p> <p>Thus everything will revert back to DWS as the chair of the Forums.</p>	M.de Fontein
17	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06 Nov 2014 – TBA 	