

**MINUTES: Forum Meeting  
10 February 2009  
Sebokeng Water Care Works, Sebokeng**



No	Item	Action
1	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P. Khwinana welcomed everyone to the Forum meeting.</li> </ul>	P. Khwinana
2	<b>Introduction of Attendees</b> All the attendees introduced themselves and an attendance register was circulated.	All
3	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T van Graan</li> <li>A. Laas</li> <li>D. Masemola</li> <li>C. Schreuder</li> <li>Mc de Fontanne</li> <li>Ristic Dragana</li> </ul>	All
4	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	All
5	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</b>	All
6	<b>Additions to the Agenda</b>	All
6.1	Chairman Election of the forum	
6.2	VBCEC feed back	
7	<b>Items for Presentation</b>	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	All
8	<b>Items for Discussion</b>	
8.1		
8.1.1	<b>Water Quality Report - DWAF</b> Water quality report stand as follows: Sebokeng <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In October 2008 they runned short of chlorine leading to discharge without disinfecting.</li> <li>Same situation happened in the middle November and January reason being of Procurement problem, hence it was indicated in the Emfuleni Crisis Committee that that situation must be avoided at all means.</li> <li>It was proposed if the can be alternative for chlorine and George indicated that they tried other alternative but the results were not as good as chlorine dosing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DWAF: Action needs to be taken concerning the chlorine issue and if the problem continues the directive will be issued for non compliance.</li> </ul>
8.1.2	Rietspruit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspend solids were mostly higher or above the licence condition. Total alkalinity was below compliance along with the pH hence ammonia did not comply with NOX ( Nitrate) that was dominantly high on most of the sampling data taken, COD and Cod was high as well.</li> </ul>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the forum meeting ERWAT indicated that interns of Rietspruit WWTW both ERWAT and DWAF should consider weekly samples to avoid inconvenience as DWAF was only taking one sample per month and then conclude.</li> <li>• With Sebokeng and Rietspruit the problem was Faecal Caliform due to shortage of chlorine during operation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.2 Water Quality Report - Rand Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faecal Caliform is still a problem in the Vaal, Sebokeng and Rietspruit.</li> <li>• At Leespruit the conductivity was high same as Rietspruit at Lotchvaal were the problem was ammonia. Rand Water indicated that they will distribute map with coordinates for sampling points. It was as well indicated that for any pollution in the jurisdiction of joburg they can contact Mr. Molefi @ 083 566 1974 or DWAF at 0800 200 200 or you can contact Dakalo @ 082 652 5522</li> </ul>	Molefi R
<p><b>8.3 Water Quality Report - City of Johannesburg</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no representative from COJ.</li> </ul>	D.Masemola
<p><b>8.4 Bio monitoring and Toxicity Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arcelor Mittal indicated that they do bio monitoring twice a year. Arcelor Mittal indicated that all the reports are available and suggestion was to combine all reports in one for different activities in a catchment.</li> </ul>	J. Daffue
<p><b>8.5 Hydrological Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three additional sites were indicated as potential gazing stations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status remain the same.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.6 Situational Analysis and Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's not confirmed if the Situational analysis will be considered in the financial budget.</li> </ul>	DWAF
<p><b>8.7 Solid Waste Management</b></p> <p>Cape gate want to create their own disposal waste site for their waste. Boitsepi landfill its in the process, public participation tool place for the application of extending the landfill site though only few interested and affected parties attended and it was there fore advised that all public participation should be well done.</p>	
<p><b>9 Catchment Activities (5 minutes report back stakeholders)</b></p>	
<p><b>9.1 Arcelor Mittal Steel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The was an incident that occurred on the 05<sup>th</sup> December 2008 due to storm water and the other incident occurred on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009were</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K. Dewet</li> </ul>



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the emergency sump overflowed into the storm water system and was discharged to Rietspruit canal

**9.2 Cape Gate**

- No report was given.

**9.3 City of Johannesburg**

- No report was given.

**9.4 Johannesburg Water**

- No report was given and the Forum must ensure that a representative from Johannesburg Water is invited to the next Forum meeting.
- It was reported that open taps are major impacts on the Waste Water Treatment Works.

**9.5 Kloof Gold Mine**

- They were issued with a water use licence.

**9.6 Phaphamang Environmental Club**

- People are becoming aware of environmental issues around their areas, different competition were done for awareness reason and Phaphamang environmental club got an award for their good job in the community.

**9.7 Simmer and Jack**

- They applied for a water use licence
- The forum concern with Simmer and Jack was that they do not our meeting. The big question raised was that, what should be done to can have a representative from the above mining in every forum meeting?

**9.8 South Deep Mine**

- South Deep Mine indicated that they are in the process of cleaning the dams; the big rains delayed it a bit.
- The sewage system on the Western mine side was upgraded.
- It was reported that they are in the progress of implementing ISO14001 and Cyanide Code.
- No major spillages were reported.
- They are still waiting for their Water use license.

**9.9 Vitro**

- They applied for a water use licence of which after assessment was decided that they will be issued with a General Authorization as the impact not that significant to the receiving environment.

- Forum: To ensure that a representative from Johannesburg Water is invited to the next Forum meeting.

- DWAF: To issue water use licence.

- DWAF: Status remains the same.

- DWAF: A meeting will be arranged to discuss about Vitro application for a licence.
- Vitro: No feedback was given on the issues.

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10	<b>Wastewater Treatment Works.</b>	DWAF
	<b>Ennerdale</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWAF indicated that there are no issues of concern with this WWTW at present.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Leeuwkuil</b>	
	No problems were reported except shortage of chlorine in the last two month.	
	<b>Rietspruit</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was reported by ERWAT that the operation maintenance is a problem hence different meetings are held and they show progress as commissioning of electricity was done leaving mechanical to be attended to.</li> </ul>	
10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainings are being conducted, funds were received from DWAF as a way of supporting the municipality and ERWAT promised that if there is co operation between them and Emfuleni the plant will comply.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Sebokeng</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was reported that procurement is a problem regarding chlorine delivery.</li> </ul>	
11	<b>Pollution Incidents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWAF:</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Except the pollution at Mittal steel there was no other incident reported.</li> </ul>	
12	<b>Water Use License Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWAF: To ensure that the WUL Status document is updated and forwarded to the Chairperson for distribution one week before the next Forum meeting.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairperson requested that the Water use license Status to be updated and send to him for distribution.</li> <li>• The updated license document can be downloaded from the Reservoir website (<a href="http://www.reservoir.co.za">www.reservoir.co.za</a>).</li> </ul>	
13	<b>CMA Process:</b>	
	Progress is going on where the Vaal Barrage was established same as Upper Vaal Reference group.	
14	<b>Discussion of Additional Agenda</b>	P. Khwinana
6.1	VEBCEC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding VEBCEC it was indicated that the forum must come up with a way of fundraising the water week and all other arrangements regarding activities.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding the Water Week in the forums it was raised</li> </ul>	



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that different companies need to be approached for donation and that will help us to know how many students we can invite.

- Water support from DWAF indicated that they have got something on line or under planning for the water week and sanitation.
- A team was elected to help arrange the water week, and that include DWAF and other NGO representative.

**6.2 Election of the Chairperson**

- Samson Mokoena was elected as the chairperson from VEJA Organization.

**15 Next Meeting**

- The next Rietspruit Forum meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 09:30 at the Sebokeng Water Care Works. P. Khwinana

**16 Closure**

Mr. P. Khwinana thanked everyone for attending the Forum meeting.