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11 November 2008
Sebokeng Water Care Works, Sebokeng**

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. Khwinana welcomed everyone to the Forum meeting. 	P. Khwinana
2	Introduction of Attendees All the attendees introduced themselves and an attendance register was circulated.	All
3	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T van Graan A. Laas D. Masemola C. Shreuder Mc de Fontane Ristic Dragana 	All
4	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	All
5	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	All
6	Additions to the Agenda	All
6.1	Chairman Election of the forum	
6.2	VBCEC feed back	
7	Items for Presentation	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	All
8	Items for Discussion	
8.1		
8.1.1	Water Quality Report - DWAF Water quality report stand as follows: Sebokeng <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in October 2008 they runned short of chlorine leading to discharge witout disinfecting. Same situation happened in the middle November and January reason being of Procurement problem, hence it was indicated in the Emfuleni Crisis Commetee that that situation must be avoided at all means. It was proposed if the can be alternative for chlorine and George indicated that trhey tried other alternative but the results were not as good as chlorine dosing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWAF: Action needs to be taken concerning the chlorine issue and if the problem continues the directive will be issued for non compliance.
8.1.2	Rietspruit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 onh most of the sampling data taken, COD and Cod was high as well. 	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • With Sebokeng and Rietspruit the problem was Faecal Caliform due to shortage of chlorine during operation. 	
<p>8.2 Water Quality Report - Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faecal Caliform is still a problem in the Vaal, Sebokeng and Rietspruit. • At Leuspruit the conductivity was high same as Rietspruit at Lotchvaal were the problem was ammonia. Rand Water indicated that they will distribute map with coodinates 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 	Molefi R
<p>8.3 Water Quality Report - City of Johannesburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no representative from COJ. 	D.Masemola
<p>8.4 Bio monitoring and Toxicity Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arcelor Mittal indicated that they do biomonitoring 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. 	J. Daffue
<p>8.5 Hydrological Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three additional sites were indicated as potentialgazing stations. 	• Status remain the same.
<p>8.6 Situational Analysis and Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its not confirmed if the Situational analysis will be considered in the financial budget. 	DWAF
<p>8.7 Solid Waste Management</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>9 Catchment Activities (5 minutes report back stakeholders)</p>	
<p>9.1 Arcelor Mittal Steel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The was an incident that occurred on the 05th December 2008 	• K. Dewet
<p>9.2</p>	



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<p>Cape Gate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report was given. 	
<p>9.3 City of Johannesburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report was given. 	
<p>9.4 Johannesburg Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forum: To ensure that a representative from Johannesburg Water is invited to the next Forum meeting.
<p>9.5 Kloof Gold Mine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report was given. 	
<p>9.6 Phaphamang Environmental Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that there was an About week programme that took place at Sebokeng Water care works from the 08 September -12 September 2008. Five schools were invited and programme seemed to be helpful as part of environmental awareness. There was as well a programme Letsima-Removing of illegal dumping. Land care programme and Environmental awareness programme at schools that happened on the 2nd of August 2008. 	
<p>9.7 Simmer and Jack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWAF: To issue water use licence.
<p>9.8 South Deep Mine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWAF: Status remains the same.
<p>9.9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major spillages were reported. They are still waiting for their Water use license. 	
<p>Vitro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Schreuder indicated that the clay products are causing problems. The Chairperson requested that they must find out who should be making changes to the system. Feedback on the issue is requested at the next Forum meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Wastewater Treatment Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Ennerdale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWAF indicated that there are no issues of concern with this WWTW at present. <p>Leeuwkuil</p> <p>No problems were reported.</p> <p>Rietspruit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that the digesters were not working properly at the Rietspruit water care works. Pump station number 10 was stopped due to sewer line burst by Vereeniging town. 	DWAF
10.1	<p>Sebokeng</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rietspruit River down stream of Sebokeng water care works were the water was seem to be polluted. 	
11	<p>Pollution Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T van Graan reported a sewage problem in Nielshaven. • She has contacted the Town Council about the incident but nothing was done about the problem. • The Chairperson suggested that they asked DWAF for some assistance concerning the sewage problem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWAF: To provide assistance concerning the sewage problem.
12	<p>Water Use License Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson requested that the Water use license Status to be updated and send to him for distribution. • The updated license document can be downloaded from the Reservoir website (www.reservoir.co.za). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWAF: To ensure that the WUL Status document is updated and forwarded to the Chairperson for distribution one week before the next Forum meeting.
13	<p>CMA Process:</p> <p>There was nothing new regarding the Catchment Management Agency.</p>	
14	<p>Discussion of Additional Agenda</p>	M d Fontaine
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson position <p>It was discussed the musty be a new chairperson for the Rietspruit forum meeting as M d Fontaine is leaving the position. It was then agreed that DWAF will be an interim.</p>	
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates for 2009 FMC ~10th February 2009 	



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~12 May 2009
~11th August 2009
~10th November 2009

15 Next Meeting

- The next Rietspruit Forum meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10 February 2009 at 09:30 at the Sebokeng Water Care Works.

16 Closure

Mr. M d Fontaine thanked everyone for attending the Forum meeting.

M d Fontaine