

## **MINUTES**

12 February 2003

Sebokeng Water Care Works, Sebokeng

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### **1 WELCOME**

The chairperson welcomed all present.

### **2 ATTENDANCE**

The following people attended the meeting:

- Councillor M. S. Molotsi – Emfuleni
- Mr. Marcus Selepe – DWAF
- Ms. Theodora Letsosa – DWAF
- Mr. Takkie Lotter - DWAF
- Ms. Tsholofelo Bokako – DWAF
- Dr. Pieter van Eeden – Eco-Monitor
- Mr. George Dewing – Metsi a Lekoa
- Mr. Marc de Fontaine – Rand Water
- Ms. Tharina van Graan – PDWAJV (South Deep)
- Mr. Shelton Pfupajena – DWAF
- Mr. Lucas Mofokeng – V.D.L.U
- Mr. Pheko Mofokeng – Phaphamang Env. Club
- Mr. Rahaba Zini - Phaphamang Env. Club
- Mr. Chris Herold – Steward Scott Water Quality
- Ms. Jennifer Molwantwa – Pulles Howard & de Laage
- Mr. Toriso Tlou – Tlou and Matji
- Mr. Stephen Malloy – Tlou and Matji
- Mr. Trevor Coleman - Golder

### **3 APOLOGIES**

- Mr. Leonard Bros – KSE
- Mr. Ken Smith – KSE
- Mr. Patrick v/d Bon – ISCOR
- Ms. Catherine Maloa – ISCOR
- Ms Carla Hudson – PDWAJV (South Deep)
- Mr. Koos Swanepoel – Vaal Dam

### **4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes were adopted without any corrections.

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### 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Mr Sithole was tasked in the previous meeting to take up the matter of water popping out of the properties with local council and establish from DACEL, whether an EIA and proper investigations were conducted before the settlement was developed.

**Action: Mr. Sithole**

- It was agreed that Dr. Stoch would forward a standard example of the constitution to Mr. Selepe.

**Action: Dr. Stoch**

- Mr. Selepe reported that two meetings for the public participation for South Deep mine took place. He further reported that a formal request from South Deep was received by the Gauteng Region requesting Gauteng Region, Head Office, Harmony mine and South Deep to have a meeting, regarding groundwater disputes between South Deep and Harmony Gold mine. Later Ms Hudson from South Deep Mine sent an e-mail notifying DWAF of the cancellation of the meeting after they were advised by their lawyers not to be on the same table with Harmony mine to discuss water related matters. This advice resulted from the litigation process, which has been initiated between the two mines. The meeting, which was scheduled to take place on the 06 February 2003, was therefore cancelled.

### 6 PRESENTATION BY Mr. Schwartz (Harmony Gold Mine Water Use Licence Application)

- Harmony is still not available to the meeting. The responsible officer was tasked with the responsibility of following up on the matter in order to pursue Harmony Gold Mine to attend Forum meetings.

**Action: Ms Bokako**

### 7 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#### 7.1 Open Day

The Rietspruit open day was initially scheduled for 15 February 2003 but was postponed because of logistical arrangements that were not in place. This happened during a planning meeting of 27 January 2003 when stakeholders and potential sponsors requested a Business Plan for the open day indicating objectives to be achieved as well as breakdown of the budget for various activities.

A sub-committee was established to draft a Business Plan, and this consisted of the following people:

- Tharina van Graan (PDWAJV – South Deep Mine)
- Alma Ludidi (Emfuleni Local Municipality)

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- Sam Mofokeng (Dept. Sports & Recreation)
- Marcus Selepe (DWAF)
- Tsholofelo Bokako (DWAF)

The Business Plan sub-committee has to date had one meeting, which was held on 04 February 2003, and the next meeting will be on the 20 February 2003. This sub-committee will meet with the Task Team for open day planning once the Business Plan is finalised. The new date of the Rietspruit open day will be agreed at a future forum meeting.

### 7.2 Re-election of the Rietspruit Forum and FMC members

- Mr Selepe reported that according to the forum guidelines, the forum needs to re-elect Chairpersons of the FMC and Rietspruit forum. The chairpersons of both the forums and the FMC were re-elected into office. The following members were elected as FMC Representatives:
  - FMC Chairperson: Mr. Marc de Fontaine
  - Forum Chairperson: Mr. Marcus Selepe
  - Mining – Ms. Tharina van Graan
  - Industry – Mr. Patrick van den Bon
  - Agriculture – Mr. A. A. Bruwer
  - Government Departments
    - DWAF – Mr. Selepe & Mr. Pfupajena
    - DME – Ms. Margueritte Lubbe
    - DACEL – Environment ??
    - Agriculture ??
    - Conservation ??
    - Health – ??
  - Municipalities
    - Emfuleni – Councillor Molotsi
    - Westonaria – ??
    - City of Johannesburg – Ms. Jacky Burke
  - Service providers
    - Metsi a Lekoa – Mr. Sam Chabalala
    - JHB Water – Mr. Rodney Grose
    - Rand Water – Mr. Marc de Fontaine
  - Non-Governmental Organisation – Mr. Lucas Mofokeng

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- o Community based Organisation – Mr. Joseph Mosala

## 8 PRESENTATIONS BY CONSULTANTS

- Invitations were sent to four (4) consultants and only two have submitted their proposal documents, that's Pulles, Howard & de Lange; Tlou & Matji Engineering and management service. The consultants made presentations and the documents were given to the task team members (Mr. Marc de Fontaine, Mr. Joseph Mosala, Ms. Tharina van Graan and Mr. Marcus Selepe) to evaluate the documents.

## 9 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 9.1 Water Quality Status of the Rietspruit Catchment

Rand water circulated the water quality status of the Rietspruit Catchment. It was found that faecal coliform in the RV2 has increased. The responsible officer was tasked to follow up on the source of pollution.

### 9.2 Licence Applications

- South Deep Mines – they are busy with the public participation and the final submission is expected end April 2003.
- Kloof Gold Fields - The supporting document and licence application forms has been received for evaluation and comments were send to the mine requesting additional information.
- Harmony Gold Mines - Harmony indicated that they would submit the closure EMP to DME soon. To date no such document has been received by the Department. The Department will follow-up with DME to establish if the document was submitted.
- Ennerdale Watercare Works (submitted the licence application and they are busy with technical report).
- Sebokeng Watercare Works (Department requested licence application, but nothing received yet).
- Rietspruit Watercare Works (Department requested licence application, but nothing received yet).
- Leeuwkuil Watercare Works (Department requested licence application, but nothing received yet).
- Iscor – Current licence expires 30 June 2003. Expecting new licence application soon.

### 9.3 Pollution Incidents Reported

- Councillor Molotsi reported that the Sedibeng Council has upgraded the sewage network in the area of Sebokeng Zone 3 and has left the channel open and a 15year old boy was felt into the trench and he apparently died.

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### 9.4 VBCEC

- Mr de Fontaine reported that the original meeting was postponed from January to 13 March 2003. Mr Selepe indicated that all members of the FMC must attend the VBCEC meeting, the purpose of which is to reconstitute and address responsibility in terms of sectors.

### 9.5 CMA Status Report

- Terms of Reference were circulated in the meeting for the purpose of changing and adopting them for the Rietspruit Forum.

## 10 TASK TEAMS

### 10.1 Monitoring & Receiving Water Quality Objectives

- Vaal Barrage Objectives and Rietspruit Objectives were circulated and it was agreed that members would make suggestions. The final decision regarding the objectives needs to be finalised in the next meeting.

### 10.2 Forum Charter & Newsletter

- The charter had been finalised and will be signed in the next meeting.

### 10.3 Representivity

- Invitations were sent to the various municipalities in the catchment but the Midvaal is still not represented at the forum.

### 10.4 Iscor Environmental Task Team

- Dr van Eeden reported that the Master Plan is still not submitted to authorities. Iscor identified some loose gaps and commented on the various aspects of the document such as format, contents etc. The comments will be addressed by the consultants and reviewed the document and resubmitted.

## 11 GENERAL

- Proposed dates for the FMC: 15-May 2003; 14-August 2003 and 13 November 2003
- Proposed dates for the Rietspruit Forum meetings 28-May 2003; 28 August 2003 and 27 November 2003.



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### **12 DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Date: 28 May 2002

Venue: Sebokeng Water Care Works

Time: 10:00

### **13 CLOSURE**

The chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and Sebokeng Water Care Works for providing the venue. The meeting adjourned at 12:35.