

**Minutes of the Grootdraai Dam Forum Meeting held 23 November 2010 at Nooitgedatcht, Ermelo**

	Discussion	Action/follow up
1 & 2	<p><b>Welcome and introduction of attendance and apologies</b></p> <p><i>M Matseba</i> welcomed everyone present to the forum meeting and requested everyone present to introduce him/herself.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            Lerato Bapela (DWA HO)            Francois Koegelenberg (DARDLA)            Davi Mosito (BHP)            Dumisani Tinghisi (DWA)            Paul Meulenbeld (DWA)            Mashudu Ganghazhe (Xstrata Coal)</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes were read, corrected and agreed upon by all present. It was reported that it's not fair to say that V-notch is now the responsibility of Mashala and it was agreed that this matter will be discussed outside of the meeting as it's a legal matter.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><i>S Mporetji</i> was not available to give feedback on Rand water week.</p> <p><i>J Nyama</i> indicated that Imbabala Coal Mine has submitted their IWULA and comments were sent to the applicant.</p> <p><i>J Nyama</i> forwarded the comments letter sent to Govan Mbeki' municipality manager to <i>M Machongoane</i>.</p> <p><i>S Kruger</i> indicated that she was contacted yesterday 22/11/2010 by one of Letsema project team requesting the information which she forwarded to them and they misplaced it.</p> <p>Umlabu IWULA has been submitted to DWA, and <i>P Meulenbeld</i> held a meeting with the new management.</p> <p><i>J Nyama</i> conducted a site visit on the 09/09/2010 with the farmer and Govan Mbeki municipal representatives. The farmer indicated that he has erected the dam wall in order to divert water into a wetland for natural purification because the water is mainly contains wastewater from the pumpstations and sewage works. Non-compliance letters were written to both parties (the municipality and the farmer). No respond received by DWA. <i>M Matseba</i> indicated that a directive must be issued.</p>	
5	<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p> <p>Agenda was approved with the following additions:            - Pre directives</p>	

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	regarding Chlorides concentration and they are in the final stage of submitting EIA for the brine project.	
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Golfview Mine</b>  <i>S Kruger</i> reported that there was Douglas dam pollution reported and they are engaging with DWA to resolve the problem.	
<b>6.8</b>	<b>Xstrata (Spitzkop)</b>  <i>T Mathebula</i> gave a presentation indicating there was no pollution incident reported. WUL was approved in August this year, WUL audit will be conducted by end of November 2010 as per WUL conditions. Currently there is clean and dirty water management project running which is about 80% percent complete. Rehabilitation at voorslag has been completed.	
<b>6.9</b>	<b>Delta/Mashala</b>  <i>A Joubert</i> mentioned that the Penumbra WUL public meeting will be held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2010. Pollution control dam and storm control will be completed by end of the year.	
<b>6.10</b>	<b>Mooiplaats/ Coal of Africa</b>  <i>N Barnard</i> indicated that VE monitoring point is already polluted and the point is upstream of their mine. According their monthly monitoring sulphates concentration is about 200mg/l. Water quality is still on an acceptable level especially downstream. On 31 October 2010, there was a pollution incident a tank containing a million litres of water collapsed and dirty water was released. Samples were taken after the incident and sulphate concentration was about 1000 mg/l. Pollution incident report was submitted to DWA. Pollution Control Dam will be constructed after getting an approval from DWA,	
<b>6.11</b>	<b>Umlabu Colliery</b>  <i>E van Druten</i> mentioned that the version 2 of WULA was submitted even though that they are some studies which need to be done. The water balance has been updated. Sulphates concentration upstream of the mine is about 180 mg/l and at the Torbanite dump is about 170 mg/l.	
<b>6.12</b>	<b>Imbabala Coal Mine</b>  <i>J Mare</i> -WUL has been submitted and studies have been conducted. The water quality downstream is still the same but there are problems with sulphates concentration. A wetland which was mined will be rehabilitated. There's a new township development and the mine is engaging with the community and the municipality. It was suggested that the upgrade of the sewage works be added on to the agenda for the next meeting.	<i>J Nyama to add Ermelo WWTW construction project on the Agenda.</i>
<b>6.13</b>	<b>Thutsi Colliery</b>  Absent without apology.	

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7	<p><b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA)</b></p> <p><i>M Matseba</i> indicated that there was a workshop held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010 concerning the issue of the CMA's. There are a lot of processes that will be going on in terms of catchment management agencies because there are 2 established CMA's in South Africa. <i>M Matseba</i> will be in charge of the Upper Vaal Water Management Area.</p>	
8	<p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>8.1 License Applications</b> Status reports are at the reservoir website should anyone wish to check the licence status.</p> <p><b>8.2 Pollution Incidents</b></p> <p>Articles provided by <i>L Moolman</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Douglas Dam- acid mine pollution</li> <li>ii. Ligbron dam pollution by blood from the Ermelo Abbatoir</li> <li>iii. Pet dam pollution by sewage</li> </ul> <p><b>8.3 Task team</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
7.	<b>Date for next meeting</b>	<i>J Nyama</i> to circulate dates for 2011 forum meetings
8.	<p><b>Closure</b></p> <p><i>E Matseba</i> thanked all attendees for attending the meeting. The meeting was then closed at 12:30pm.</p>	