

MINUTES OF THE GROOTDRAAI DAM FORUM MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2005

ATTENDANCE LIST	
Stephan Raal (SR)	T M Moloï (TM)
Tovhowani Tshikomba (TT1)	D. Masoabi (DM)
W.J. Maluleke (WJM)	M. Marubini
A. Thobejane (AT)	J. Van der Berg.
D. Mosito	Zola Kutsu (ZK)
M. Lintnaar- Strauss (M L-S)	Chris Thabethe
C. Thabethe	JJ Van Eck
Avril Van Zyl (A V Z)	L. Brown
F. Fourie	IL Phalane
J I Rademeyer (JR)	TS Ndamase
M. Mokonyane	A Kapsosideris (A K)

	DISCUSSIONS	ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES SR welcomed everyone to the forum meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Janse Van Rensburg (Anglo Coal Environmental Services), Kantoen van Riet (Anglo Coal Environmental Services), Sindiswa Gidimi (X-Strata), Thabo Maseko, Tankiso Phitsa, F. Koegelenberg, K. Chetty (RW).</p>	
2.	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of meeting were accepted. 	
3.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point 3.1: SR informed the forum that he wrote a letter to the Minister of DWAF regarding the non-compliance of municipal sewage works. ML-S added that DWAF Gauteng Regional Office is engaging the municipalities in meetings that are scheduled between DPLG, SALGA and DWAF HO, in trying to come up with a solution. 	<p>Action: DWAF (RO) Action: Chairperson</p>

	<p>PRESENTATIONS :</p> <p>4. Internal Strategic Perspective for the Vaal River System</p> <p>JR (Seef) made a presentation on the Internal Strategic Perspective for Upper Vaal. The presentation was mainly about the studies in the Upper Vaal for the short, medium and long term. JR informed the forum members that they can access the documents on DWAF website on http://dwaf.gov.za/documents.</p> <p>Q1 : What is the objective of this strategy? (TSN) A1 : These studies will help to save a lot of water to bring down the demand curve so that we can go beyond the year 2025 with the water that is available.</p> <p>Clamping Down on Environmental Crime</p> <p>LB made a presentation on clamping down on environmental crime. The objective of this presentation was mainly to inform the forum members about the current law enforcement capacity and to indicate the current capacity and obstacles of the the Environmental Management Inspectorate as part of DEAT, EMI (nicknamed in the press the "Green Scorpions").</p> <p>Q1 : Is there an existing procedure that one can follow when there is a tip off? (TSN) A1 : At present the procedure is informal but well defined. Q2 : Where do I apply for a waste disposal site permit? (TT) A2 : Currently you can apply at DWAF but the functions will be transferred to DEAT. Q3 : Can the waste management Bill be used for prosecution? (ZK) A3 : Under section 20 of the Environmental Conservation Act, one can prosecute. Q4 : If an EMI can be a person from the municipality, can the municipality be expected to prosecute itself? (ZK) A4 : Yes, the National Government should be engaged because of the principles of co-operative governance. Q5 : What are the requirements for a candidate to be appointed as an EMI? (JvE) A5 : It will be decided by the provinces. Criminal justice and other training will be graded and the responsibilities will be assigned by the grade. Q5 : Will the draft be circulated to the public for comments? (TSN) A5 : The EMI is already established and inputs should be in on or before 06 September 2005.</p> <p>REPORT BACK FROM RAND WATER ON THE WATER QUALITY IN THE CATCHMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM discussed the results for the Rand Water sampling points from the period Jan 2005. • Discrepancies in the WQ data were discussed. <p>Q1 : What do the municipalities say about the poor quality of water from the sewage works? (Zola) A1 : DWAF Gauteng RO is doing the best to communicate with the municipalities regarding the ongoing pollution due to poor effluent discharged.</p>	
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5.	<p>REPORT BACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS IN GROOTDRAAI CATCHMENT</p> <p><u>Rand Water Board</u> :DM made a presentation on surface water samples taken by RWB including the sewage works. DM made a general statement that sewage works discharge poor effluent quality water. MLS added that DWAF is in the process of giving regular advise to the municipalities and DWAF Water Service division will be fully involved with the municipalities and the Regional Office. (Copy of presentation attached).</p> <p><u>Tutuka Power Station</u>: TSN gave presentation; Results were shown for a period of 6 months; Results for NO₃ and SO₄ were poor; PO₄ and NO₃⁻ values were also discussed; TSN informed the forum that the results were poor due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintenance problems at the plant. ○ There was a power failure in June and it took 3 weeks for the plant to be fully operational again. ○ In July the screenings were failing and as a result, Nitrates and Phosphates were high. Sometimes there are blockages at the plant because of the screenings problem. There is a shortage of staff and there are no 24-hour personnel to attend to the blockages as and when they occur. <p>Tutuka will purchase a dissolved oxygen (DO) devise, this will be a modern instrument with an electronic analyzer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Camden Power Station</u>: No representative present from Camden Power Station. • <u>Majuba Power Station</u>: No representative present Majuba Power Station. • <u>New Denmark Colliery</u>: No representative present from New Denmark. • <u>Golfview Mine</u>: Avril van Zyl gave feedback for Golfview mine. Indicated that the Douglas Dam, Brummerspruit and boreholes were and has been dry for the last year. • <u>Spitzkop and Tselentis</u>: No representative present for Spitzkop and Tselentis. • <u>Delta/ Mashala Resources</u>: No representative present for Delta/Mashala Resources. • <u>Msukalingwa Municipality</u>: not present to give feedback. • <u>Govan Mbeki Municipality</u>: JvB reported that in Bethal there is usually spillages but there is some improvements. He also mentioned that the budget is also a problem for them to address all issues of concern. 	
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Seme Municipality</u> – No representative present for Seme Municipality. 	

	<p>GENERAL</p> <p>6.1 <u>License application status</u>: ILP informed the forum that he tried to get hold of DWAF HO with regard to the Camden License application and there is no a clear indication of the progress on the license. ILP undertook to follow up on the matter and keep Camden informed.</p> <p>6.3. <u>Pollution incidences</u> : ILP reported that there was a diesel spillage incident on 03 June 2005. The incident occurred on the Amersfoort/Perdekop road at a T-junction of Majuba Power Station, in Amersfoort. Two trucks were involved in the accident, the diesel truck and the coal truck. The diesel truck overturned spilling 4500 liters of diesel. 13 500 liters remained in the truck. The remaining 13 500 liters was transferred to another truck. The diesel contained was pumped into bins and contaminated grass and soil was taken to Holtfontein Hazardous waste site.</p> <p>A further inspection will be conducted.</p>	<p>Action: ILP</p> <p>Action: ILP</p>
7	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p>SR thanked everybody for attending the meeting. The meeting was closed.</p>	