

## Minutes of the Grootdraai Dam Forum meeting held on 29 August 2007

### Attendance

#### Attendance Register

Name	Company	Contact Details
Thema M	New Denmark Colliery	017 749 0013
Likhetha M	Rand Water	011 682 0662
Sejake M	Xstrata Coal	017 861 8012
Mogakabe T	Pollution Waste	082 909 6730
Van Erk J	Govan Mbeki Municipality	017 620 6247
Burger S	MDALA	017 819 2828
Shilubane T	MDALA	017 819 1155
Matseba M.E	DWAF	012 392 1371
Mphuma N	DWAF	012 392 1479
Tshabidi T	DWAF (RP&W)	012 3366806
Poll-Jonher	KSE-uKhozi Environmental	017 8111483
Singh C	KSE-uKhozi Environmental	017 8111483
Van Aswegen	Eskom CTS Majuba	017 799 3602
Koegelenberg	Eskom Camden Power Station	017 827 8003
Tshikomba T	Eskom Tutuka	017 749 9280
Seabelo M	Eskom Tutuka	017 749 5832
Kubeka M	Dept of Agriculture	017 811 5811

	Discussion	Action/follow up
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introduction of attendance and apologies</b></p> <p>Carren Chetty welcomed everyone present to the forum meeting. She requested everyone present to introduce him/herself.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Eskom: Siphumelelo Mdletshe</p> <p><b>Absent without apologies:</b> Golfview Mine Majuba Power Station Msukaligwa Municipality Department: Minerals and Energy</p>	
2.	<p><b>Appointment of New Secretary</b></p> <p>The chairperson asked for volunteers for secretary position and no one shows interest. DWAF indicated that the Department will continue taking minutes.</p>	DWAF
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
4.	<b>Presentations</b>	

<p><b>Rand Water</b> Alkalinity is high in Blesbokspruit, Brummerspruit, Rietspruit, Bethal Sewage Works, Ermelo Sewage works, Tutukani Sewage works and Majuba Sewage works. Generally the water quality status of the Grootdraai Dam Catchment is in an acceptable and tolerable state except for variables such as conductivity, chemical oxygen demand, nitrates, phosphates and faecal coliforms mainly in sewage works.</p> <p><b>Tutuka Power Station</b> A consultant will be appointed to assess the plant and recommend measures that can be taken to improve the effluent quality. DWAF requested them to also look at the possibility of recycling their wastewater. Discussions are underway to try to give the sewage plant to the local municipality.</p> <p><b>Camden Power Station</b> Groundwater quality results were sent to DWAF. They indicated that they still need some clarity in some of the issues regarding the licence that has been issued.</p> <p><b>Majuba Power Station</b> No report-Absent without apology.</p> <p><b>New Denmark Colliery</b> They have a joint Venture project with Eskom to look at dewatering. Pump testing boreholes will be drilled and DWAF will be kept informed. DWAF requested that a report for the project must be sent to the Department for approval and necessary authorizations.</p> <p><b>Golfview Mine</b> No Report - Absent without apology.</p> <p><b>Xstrata (Spitzkop and Tselentis Mine)</b> Water monitoring report will be prepared and sent to DWAF. A presentation will be made on the next forum meeting.</p> <p><b>Delta/Mashala</b> Water Use Licence application is still under evaluation.</p> <p><b>Govan Mbeki Municipality</b> J Van Eck requested DWAF to invite other Municipalities to be part of the Forum. Mogale was tasked to send an invitation to other Local Municipalities. He also indicated that they are hosting an Environmental Summit in Secunda on 06 September 2007 and all are invited. He indicated that a status quo document was compiled on all issues relating to the Sewage work and recommendation was also made.</p>	<p>Rand Water</p> <p>Denmark</p>
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	<p><b>Msukaligwa Municipality</b> No report – Absent without apology</p> <p><b>Seme Municipality</b> No report – Absent without apology</p> <p><b>Lekwa Municipality</b> Absent without apology but Caren Chetty reported that she had a meeting with Lekwa Municipality and they indicated that they receive MIG funding and they are going to upgrade the two sewage works.</p> <p><b>Department of Agriculture and Land Affairs: Mpumalanga</b> Tebogo indicated that municipality has got a problem with the engineering maintenance that results into pollutions. Sias (MDALA) will give a feedback on the next forum meeting on the project of planting trees.</p> <p><b>Department of Minerals and Energy</b> No report – Absent without apology</p>	
5.	<p><b>CMA</b> DWAF indicated that the Department is in the process of appointing a consultant to prepare business plan for the CMA to be established. It was indicated that probably before the end of September a consultant would be appointed. It was also indicated that a consultant was hired to do a public participation on the CMA process. DWAF will report back on the progress on the next forum meeting.</p>	DWAF
6.	<p><b>General</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>Licence Applications</b> DWAF indicated that the Department is in the process of developing the Water Use Licence Tracking System that will help speed up the process of licensing. It was indicated that Mogale was requested by the Regional Director to make sure that all Eskom licences that are outstanding are issued before the end of the year (2007).</p> <p>6.2 <b>Pollution Incidence</b> DWAF indicated that there was a fish kill incidence in the standerton area which was reported a week after, but an officer was sent to investigate and take water samples. He encourages people to report fish kill immediately after it happened.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Closure</b> Caren Chetty thanked all attendees for attending the meeting and closed the meeting</p>	
8.	<p><b>Dates for Next meeting</b> 28 November 2007</p>	