



# VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

21 July 2004

DWAF - VAAL DAM OFFICES

## VDR FORUM ATTENDANCE LIST

		<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent With Apologies</i>	<i>Absent Without Apologies</i>
1. <b>Didi Masoabi</b> – Rand Water	DM			X
2. <b>Karen Chetty</b> – Rand Water	KC	X		
3. <b>Cebo Mhlongo</b> – Rand Water	CM			X
4. <b>Freek Schoemaan</b> – Earlybird Standerton	FS		X	
5. <b>Korf Stoltz</b> – Earlybird Standerton	KS	X		
6. <b>Louis Makhubele</b> – DWAF	LM	X		
7. <b>Thabo Moloji</b> – DWAF	TM	X		
8. <b>Thandi Mthembu</b> – DWAF	TMt	X		
9. <b>Pieter Vermaak</b> – DWAF	PV	X		
10. <b>Gideon Vosloo</b> – Enviro Agriculture	GV	X		
11. <b>Thys Koen</b> – Toga Linings	TK	X		
12. <b>Mike Ludick</b> – Mpumalanga Agric	ML	X		
13. <b>Nomfundo Mhlongo</b> – Nestle	NM	X		
14. <b>Seppi Claassen</b> – Lekwa Municipality	SC	X		
15. <b>Punky Mohale</b> – Dept Health – Lekwa Munici	PM	X		
16. <b>JG van Wyk</b> – Lekwa Municipality	JvW	X		
17. <b>N J Kock</b> – Lekwa Municipality Fire Brigade	JK	X		
18. <b>MD Makhatha</b> – Lekwa Municipality Fire Brigade	MM	X		
19. <b>Letona Mohlahli</b> – Dept Health Free State	LMo	X		
20. <b>Mlungisi Sithebe</b> – Dept Health Free State	MS	X		
21. <b>Andronica Nthite</b> – Dept Health Free State	AN	X		
22. <b>Tefelo J Mofokeng</b> – Dept Health Free State	TJM	X		
23. <b>Ntsoaki S Mosikili</b> – Dept Health Free State	NSM			X
24. <b>Zola Khotou</b> – DACE Mpumalanga	ZK			X

No	Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b> GV welcomed everyone present to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Freek Schoeman – Earlybird farm Mike Ludick – Mpumalanga Agric Punky Mohale – Dept Health Lekwa Municipality Letona Mohlahli – Dept Health Free State	
3.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
4.	<b>Additions to the Agenda</b> There were no formal additions made to the agenda.	
5.	<b>Matters arising from the Previous Minutes</b>  <ul data-bbox="220 864 1118 1014" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LM informed the meeting that further presentations on the CMA would be done in future forum meetings. A DWAF official heading the CMA process, within the Gauteng Regional Office, would be invited to give a presentation in the forum meeting, with regards to a way forward on the forums and the CMA process.</li> </ul>	LM
6.	<b>Water Quality in the VDR Catchment</b>  <ul data-bbox="220 1122 1118 1420" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LM and KC made a short presentation on Rand Water and DWAF water quality monitoring in the catchment. Maps showing all the monitoring points, as well as the latest monitoring data at these points were also distributed. It was also decided that similar presentations on water quality in the catchment would be made in future forum meetings, to keep forum members up to date with water quality status within the catchment.</li> <li>LM highlighted that sewerage works are the big impactors in the catchment. He further mentioned that DWAF finds it very hard to get a positive response from Municipalities, as far as co-operation in resolving sewerage works problems is concerned.</li> </ul>	LM
7.	<b>Forum Management Committee (FMC)</b>  <ul data-bbox="220 1525 1118 1644" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was previously agreed that a proper FMC would be elected, as soon as representation in the forum has improved. However it was decided that LM, GV and KC would meet before the next forum meeting to address some forum management issues.</li> </ul>	LM
8.	<b>Pollution Incidents</b>  Caltex Depot Pollution  <ul data-bbox="220 1805 1118 2011" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LM informed the meeting about the developments regarding a spillage at the old Caltex depot in Standerton. Where petroleum product was washed out of decommissioned pipelines, which lead to water contamination at an Omnia plant, which borders this site. He further said that the Standerton Fire Department conducted a site inspection and were putting together a report with their recommendations, to ensure that similar incidences are prevented in future.</li> </ul>	JK

<p>Vrede sewage pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LM gave a report back on developments on the Vrede issue. He informed the meeting that Phumelela Municipality were still discharging raw sewerage water into the Spruitsonderdrift river.</li> <li>• LM indicated to the meeting that the DWAF DG has taken a decision that DWAF will not prosecute Local government for non-compliance. The Regional Offices, in dealing with Local Government offices would always take a negotiation approach. The reason being that co-operative governance should be promoted and the view that government cannot prosecute itself. LM added that this makes it very difficult for DWAF water quality management officials to carry out their duties, especially where co-operation from the Local government offices is lacking.</li> <li>• A number of options were considered in discussions around the Vrede sewerage pollution issue in the Forum meeting. It was finally decided that the FMC would write to the Minister of Water Affairs as well as to Phumelela Local Municipality to request that they take actions to address the Vrede pollution problem.</li> <li>• TM also informed the meeting that a Vrede community group was having meetings with Phumelela Local Municipality, to address a number of service provision problems, including water supply and sanitation. He added that this action by the community would help in bringing pressure on the municipality to act.</li> </ul>	<p>JK</p> <p>GV</p>
<p><b>9. Issues and Concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KC informed the meeting about a Sasol EIA process, in the catchment, regarding the upgrading of the Sasol pipeline. KC would try and invite SASOL to make a presentation to the Forum.</li> </ul>	<p>KC</p>
<p><b>10. Dates for future meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LM was tasked to contact Phumelela Municipality, to arrange that the Municipality host the next forum meeting, in their Vrede offices.</li> </ul>	<p>LM</p>
<p><b>11. Closure :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at about 11h30. A date for the next meeting was set for the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004.</li> </ul>	