



# VAAL DAM FORUM MEETING

**Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 26 November 2009 at DWA Offices, Deneysville**

## Attendance Register

Name	Company	Contact Details
M Manaka	DWA	012 392 1354
M Enele	DWA	012 392 1413
F Mamabolo	DWA	012 392 1361
S Mporetji	Rand Water	011 682 0267
B Lubbe	Metsimaholo Municipality	016 371 2424
DM Lubbe	Metsimaholo Municipality	016 371 1130
L Mhlabi	Fezile Dabi District Municipality	058 813 1111
N Khumalo	Fezile Dabi District Municipality	058 813 1111
B Van der Walt	Eskom	017 779 8964
V Hlatshwayo	Lekwa Municipality	017 712 9600
F Schoeman	Earlybird Farm	017 720 0117
K Chetty	Rand Water	011 682 0735
M Likhetho	Rand Water	011 682 0662
A Duff	Nature and Business Alliance Africa	011 958 2132
A Niemand	Nature and Business Alliance Africa	011 958 2132

	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</b></p> <p>K. Chetty welcomed the attendees to the forum meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            D Ristic            N Kgadebe            T Mogakabe            W Pienaar            Herman</p> <p>K Chetty accepted a request from A Niemand to do his presentation before the stakeholder feedback as he had to leave the meeting after his presentation.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>There were no changes made to the minutes of the previous meeting and minutes were accepted as true reflection of what was discussed during the previous meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b></p>	
3.1	<p>There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda</b></p>	
4.1	<p>WDCS</p>	

<p>4.2 4.3</p>	<p>Forum Meeting Dates for 2010 Presentation of the proposed development of the Vaal Marina WWTW</p>	
<p>8.5</p>	<p><b>Nature &amp; Business Alliance Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation was made on the proposed development of the Vaal Marina WWTW.</li> <li>• Three possible sites were identified and assessed.</li> <li>• New sewage pipeline (300 – 700 mm diameter) of 25 km length is planned</li> <li>• 3 pumpstations are planned</li> <li>• 7.5MI design capacity</li> <li>• 4 000 units to be serviced in 2010 and 10 000 units in 2020</li> <li>• Cuurent WWTP was upgraded but maintenance of plant is high.</li> <li>• Site of current WWTP will rehabilitated</li> <li>• DWA was requested to implement a sampling point at new WWTW.</li> </ul>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DWAF</b> M Manaka gave presentation on the water quality status of the Vaal Dam catchment. Martha indicated that the <i>F.Coli</i> and <i>E. Coli</i> levels for Deneysville, Villiers and Orangeville sewage works were unacceptable. M Manaka also mentioned that Villiers sewage works was not working and that is why the results were out of specification. Deneysville and Orangeville did not report anything to DWA regarding their sewage works operation. F Mamabolo asked the stakeholders to report timeously to the Department of any problems in sewage works operation.</li> <li>• <b>Rand Water</b> M Likhetho gave a presentation for the Vaal Dam water quality status. The forum members suggested including dates for sampling.</li> </ul>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Report Back from Stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</b></p> <p><b>Phumelela Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative, report back carried over to next forum meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lekwa Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V Hlatshwayo reported that they are still busy upgrading the sewage plant. Phase one is complete but there are still two phases to be done. He mentioned that the district municipality promised to do monitoring for them but the district municipality has withdrawn assistance. Lekwa Municipality is now in discussions with Mhlathuze Water for the sampling of the sewage works effluent. He also mentioned that the Municipal offices were burnt down recently due to violent service delivery protests and they had moved offices to town.</li> </ul> <p><b>Metsimaholo Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was reported that there were spillages in Deneysville because of the pumps not working.</li> <li>• It was also reported that the transformers were stolen.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mafube Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representative.</li> </ul> <p><b>Seme Municipality</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No representative.</li> </ul> <p><b>Early Bird Farm</b> No presentation was done.</p> <p><b>Grootvlei Power Station.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. van der Walt reported that seepage occurred from one of their dams at Vaal Marina. The dam wall had breached. Land is not owned by ESKOM but they have servitude. Engineers have suggested that the slope of the bank be changed and to rectify drainage.</li> <li>Transformer exploded but bund wall contained oil spill. Spill was skimmed and recovered.</li> <li>A mobile plant will be hired to purify ash dam water.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</b></p> <p>DWA mentioned that the new Deputy Director for the CMA will be appointed and will deal with the CMA issues as soon as he resumes work.</p> <p><b>Vaal River Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No presentation was done.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Water Use License Applications Status</b> No feedback was available from DWA.</p> <p><b>8.2 Pollution Incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pollution incident was reported in Villiers WWTW for the plant not working and the raw sewage was overflowing into the Vaal River and a site inspection was conducted. The matter was resolved by the Municipality,</li> </ul> <p><b>8.3 Waste Discharge Charge System(WDCS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M Manaka mentioned that the closing date for the WDCS was extended to the end of November 2009.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.4 Forum meeting dates for 2010</b> 25 February 2010 27 May 2010 26 August 2010 25 November 2010</p>	<p><i>DWA to provide feedback on status of water use license applications</i></p>
9.	<p><b>Closure</b> Chairperson thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting.</p> <p><b>Next meeting:</b> 25 February 2010 DWA Offices, Deneysville, 10:00am</p>	