

**Minutes of the Vaal Dam Catchment Forum Meeting held on 28/05/2008**

**Attendance Register**

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Company</b>           | <b>Contact Details</b> |
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| T. Thimisha     | DWAF                     | 012 392 1413           |
| D. Ristic       | DWAF                     | 012 336 8302           |
| N. Radebe       | Mafube Municipality      | 058 313 1051           |
| M. Tsotetsi     | Mafube Municipality      | 058 813 9700           |
| G. Vosloo       |                          | 017 624 1403           |
| V. Hlatswayo    | Lekwa Municipality       | 079 894 8542           |
| B. van der Walt | Grootvlei Power Station  | 017 779 8964           |
| A. Cronje       | Metsimaholo Municipality | 016 371 1076           |
| M. Likhetho     | Rand Water               | 011 682 0662           |
| L. Mabona       | DWAF                     | 012 392 1387           |

|    | <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | <b>ACTION/FOLLOW UP</b>  |
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| 1. | <p><b>Welcome and introduction of attendees and apologies</b></p> <p>K. Chetty welcomed the attendees to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Absent with apologies:<br/>           Thabie Rakgotho: DWAF<br/>           Tebogo Mogakabe: MDALA<br/>           N.P. Cindi: Phumelela Municipality</p> <p><b>Absent without apologies:</b></p> <p>Seme Municipality<br/>           Toga Linings</p> |  |
| 2. | <p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>B. van der Walt indicated that his cell phone number is 072 596 0071.<br/>           V. Hlatswayo indicated that his name was not on the previous minutes and should be included and that Ashenti Reddy is no longer working for Lekwa Municipality and should not be invited in future.</p>   | T. Thimisha: DWAF  |
| 3. | <p><b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>K. Chetty indicated that there is still low attendance for the forum meeting and that the venue could not be changed because previously the venues were rotating and people were still not attending.</p>  | DWAF to distribute notifications of meetings timeously and try to improve forum attendance |

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| 4. | <p><b>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda.</b></p> <p>There were no additions.<br/>The agenda was thereafter approved.</p>  |   |
| 5. | <p><b>Water Quality in the Vaal Dam Catchment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DWAF</b></li> </ul> <p>T. Thimisha gave presentation on the water quality status of the Vaal dam Catchment (VDC). T. Thimisha indicated that the sewage works in the catchment are not complying with the Water Quality Guidelines. She indicated that the Municipality should report any pollution incident to DWAF as soon as possible. T. Thimisha also indicated that all the Sewage Works in the catchment do not have Water Use Licenses and requested all the Municipalities to apply for a Water Use License.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rand Water</b></li> </ul> <p>M. Likhetho indicated that the <i>Feecal Coliforms</i> in Spruitsonderdrift were high and it could be because of the Vrede WWTW.</p>  | <p>T. Thimisha: DWAF</p> <p>M. Likhetho: Rand Water</p> |
| 6. | <p><b>Report back from Stakeholders in the Vaal Dam catchment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Phumelela Municipality</b></li> </ul> <p>There was no representative for Phumelela Municipality but P. Cindi sent his apologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lekwa Municipality</b></li> </ul> <p>V. Hlatswayo indicated that two months back, a pipe collapsed because it could not handle the pressure of the total in flow and the contractors have been appointed to assist the Municipality with the upgrading process of the Standerton Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) and the contractors have already visited the WWTW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Metsimaholo Municipality</b></li> </ul> <p>B. Cronje indicated that both Oranjeville and Deneysville are still experiencing problems with vandalism at their sewage works. B. Cronje further indicated that the Municipality has finalized the water use license application for Deneysville WWTW and that he had an application document with him to submit to the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mafube Municipality</b></li> </ul> <p>N. Radebe indicated that Villiers WWTW is being upgraded and the Municipality is currently experiencing a problem of operators who are</p> |   |

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|           | <p>not qualified to do the job.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seme Municipality</b></li> </ul> <p>Absent without apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early Bird</b></li> </ul> <p>No representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grootvlei Power Station</b></li> </ul> <p>B. van der Walt indicated that the dams are not overflowing any more and further indicated that the unacceptable situation in Dipaleseng WWTW is still the same. B. van der Walt indicated that the nearby farmer is prepared to use the final effluent fro the Dipaleseng WWTW if the quality of the final effluent is up to standard and further indicated that the Department needs to pressurize the Municipality to apply for a water use license</p> |  |
| 7.        | <p><b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update</b></p> <p>K. Chetty indicated that there is a Vaal Dam Catchment Executive Committee (VDECEC) to be held on the 18/06/2008 and that the Catchment Executive Committee should be established in order to ensure smooth running of the Forums</p> <p><b>Vaal River Study</b></p> <p>D. Ristic provided the Forum with the web site, which is <a href="http://www.Dwaf.ge/project/integratedvaalstudy">www.Dwaf.ge/project/integratedvaalstudy</a> and further indicated that two public meetings will be held regarding the Vaal River Study.</p>  | <p>All</p> <p>D. Ristic: DWAF</p>  |
| 8.<br>8.1 | <p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>Water use License Applications Status</b></p> <p>T. Thimisha indicated that the Department has not received an application from the water users in Vaal Dam Catchment and that the Department is busy with the finalization of the Grootvlei Power Station water use license application.</p> <p>G. Vosloo indicated that the Department needs to compile a spread sheet for water use license applications and present on the next forum</p>  | <p>All</p> <p>DWAF to provide feedback on status of water use license applications</p> |

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| 8.2 | <p><b>Pollution Incidents</b><br/>There were no pollution incidents that were reported.</p> <p>G. Vosloo indicated that the Municipalities are not attending the Forum meetings and something should be done to improve the attendance. G. Vosloo further indicated that there is high staff turnover in the Department and the Department needs to act to reduce the high number of people leaving the Department.</p> | T. Thimisha: DWAF |
| 9.  | <p><b>Closure</b></p> <p>K Chetty thanked all for attending the meeting and further indicated that she will not attend the next forum meeting as she will be on maternity leave. K. Chetty requested G. Vosloo to chair the next forum meeting.</p> <p><b>Next meeting:</b> 28/08/2008, DWAF Offices, Deneysville, 10am</p>   |                   |
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