



Quarterly Water Quality Status of the Waterval River Catchment

1 October 2014 - 30 September 2015

In-stream Water Quality Guidelines

| Sample Points | Sample Point Description                                      | Ammonia | Chloride | Fluoride | M-Alkalinity | Nitrate | Phosphate | Sulphate | Chemical Oxygen Demand | Conductivity | pH   | E. coli   |
|---------------|---|---------|----------|----------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------------------|--------------|------|-----------|
| WAW           | Winkelhaakspruit @ Secunda<br>26°31'12.14"S 29°<br>41°17.79"E | 9.00    | 77       | 0.54     | 260          | 0.74    | 4.10      | 47       | 57                     | 86           | 7.90 |           |
|               |   | 7.20    | 48       | 0.34     | 190          | 4.60    | 1.40      | 59       | 36                     | 68           | 7.60 |           |
|               |   | 14.00   | 59       | 0.39     | 200          | 4.14    | 2.73      | 60       | 41                     | 72           | 7.57 |           |
|               |   | 22.00   | 59       | 0.35     | 200          | 15.77   | 2.60      | 75       | 40                     | 81           | 7.55 |           |
| WAT           | Kleinspruit @ Secunda<br>26°33'9.73"S 29°<br>4°58.31"E        | 0.12    | 23       | 0.21     | 130          | 1.80    | 0.22      | 46       | 23                     | 48           | 7.60 |           |
|               |   | 0.25    | 27       | 0.72     | 120          | 2.20    | 0.21      | 63       | 16                     | 45           | 7.90 |           |
|               |   | 1.00    | 32       | 0.71     | 127          | 1.50    | 0.21      | 69       | 20                     | 46           | 7.90 |           |
|               |   | 0.51    | 36       | 0.77     | 122          | 2.07    | 0.14      | 64       | 24                     | 51           | 7.70 |           |
| WAR           | Waterval River @ Rodebank<br>26°37'44.10"S 29°<br>1°32.31"E   | 3.20    | 46       | 0.52     | 210          | 1.20    | 1.60      | 56       | 39                     | 65           | 7.90 |           |
|               |   | 2.60    | 30       | 0.54     | 130          | 1.40    | 0.56      | 55       | 30                     | 48           | 7.60 |           |
|               |   | 4.77    | 39       | 0.74     | 140          | 4.37    | 1.01      | 71       | 26                     | 56           | 7.47 |           |
|               |   | 4.70    | 38       | 0.50     | 160          | 7.07    | 1.37      | 55       | 26                     | 62           | 7.65 |           |
| WAE           | Waterval River @ Elandslaagte<br>26°51'30.04"S 28°53'23.52"E  | 0.15    | 62       | 0.43     | 210          | 1.00    | 1.40      | 70       | 35                     | 71           | 8.10 |           |
|               |   | 0.25    | 16       | 0.52     | 92           | 1.50    | 0.33      | 46       | 26                     | 34           | 7.70 |           |
|               |   | <0.5    | 32       | 0.59     | 153          | 1.01    | 0.26      | 53       | 23                     | 54           | 7.95 |           |
|               |   | <0.2    | 42       | 0.45     | 162          | 0.84    | 0.41      | 47       | 23                     | 62           | 8.19 |           |
| WATERVAL_VAAL | WATERVAL_VAAL - Waterval near confluence with Vaal River      | 0.25    | 20       | 0.59     | 100          | 2.80    | 0.68      | 60       | 25                     | 39           | 7.60 |           |
|               |   | <0.5    | 46       | 0.77     | 148          | 0.40    | <0.2      | 63       | 22                     | 51           | 8.17 |           |
|               |   | <0.2    | 47       | 0.71     | 173          | 0.17    | 0.14      | 67       | 24                     | 62           | 8.34 |           |
|               |   | 15.00   | 60       | 0.46     | 215          | 3.50    | 3.10      | 49       | 115                    | 73           | 7.40 | 2,036,520 |
| S-EVAN_W      | Evander Sewage Works<br>26°29'32.97"S 29°<br>6°54.97"E        | 18.00   | 54       | 0.28     | 235          | 0.18    | 2.80      | 48       | 150                    | 70           | 7.40 | 3,255,000 |
|               |   | 16.67   | 48       | 0.29     | 187          | 2.50    | 3.13      | 49       | 79                     | 68           | 7.37 | 1384133   |
|               |   | 21.93   | 56       | 0.19     | 227          | 6.10    | 3.37      | 46       | 169                    | 74           | 7.50 | 1017767   |
|               |   | 27.00   | 53       | 0.50     | 340          | 3.50    | 5.10      | 105      | 185                    | 100          | 8.10 | 380,100   |
| S-SEC_LOC     | Embalenhle Sewage Works<br>26°33'21.66"S 29°<br>4°16.66"E     | 12.00   | 48       | 0.27     | 210          | 0.46    | 4.20      | 54       | 55                     | 74           | 7.90 | 650       |
|               |   | 37.00   | 56       | 0.25     | 305          | 0.23    | 6.13      | 56       | 155                    | 90           | 7.39 | 2298300   |
|               |   | 25.00   | 45       | 0.21     | 308          | 1.68    | 4.77      | 58       | 147                    | 98           | 7.44 | 853800    |
|               |   | 5.30    | 62       | 0.38     | 150          | 1.40    | 0.30      | 69       | 35                     | 63           | 8.00 | 1         |
| S-SEC_SEW     | Secunda Sewage Works*<br>26°32'21.04"S 29°<br>8°42.00"E       | 0.25    | 48       | 0.80     | 150          | 3.60    | 0.24      | 54       | 21                     | 62           | 7.60 | 115       |
|               |   | <0.5    | 53       | 0.46     | 123          | 1.80    | 0.33      | 73       | 33                     | 55           | 7.41 | 3         |
|               |   | 0.55    | 41       | 0.38     | 113          | 2.00    | 0.27      | 52       | 64                     | 63           | 7.48 | 5         |

\*The above colour coding is as per the Waterval River Instream Water Quality Guideline and not Water Use License conditions for any mining/ industries.

Sewage Works Compliance (where applicable) to General Standard (GN 1191 Oct 1999)

| Sample Points  | Sample Point Description                                  | Ammonia | Fluoride | Nitrate | Phosphate | Chemical Oxygen Demand | Conductivity | pH  | E. coli |     |      |           |
|--|---|---------|----------|---------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|-----|---------|-----|------|-----------|
| S-EVAN_W   | Evander Sewage Works<br>26°29'32.97"S 29°<br>6°54.97"E    | 15.00   | 48       | 0.46    | 215       | 3.50                   | 3.10         | 65  | 115     | 73  | 7.40 | 2,036,520 |
|  |   | 18.00   | 60       | 0.28    | 215       | 0.18                   | 2.80         | 49  | 150     | 70  | 7.40 | 3,255,000 |
|  |   | 16.67   | 54       | 0.29    | 235       | 2.50                   | 3.13         | 48  | 79      | 68  | 7.37 | 1384133   |
|  |   | 21.93   | 48       | 0.19    | 187       | 6.10                   | 3.37         | 49  | 169     | 74  | 7.50 | 1017767   |
| S-SEC_LOC  | Embalenhle Sewage Works<br>26°33'21.66"S 29°<br>4°16.66"E | 27.00   | 41       | 0.50    | 360       | 3.50                   | 5.10         | 110 | 185     | 100 | 8.10 | 380,100   |
|  |   | 12.00   | 53       | 0.27    | 340       | 0.46                   | 4.20         | 105 | 55      | 74  | 7.90 | 650       |
|  |   | 37.00   | 48       | 0.25    | 210       | 0.23                   | 6.13         | 54  | 155     | 90  | 7.39 | 2298300   |
|  |   | 25.00   | 56       | 0.21    | 305       | 1.68                   | 4.77         | 56  | 147     | 98  | 7.44 | 853800    |
| * Applicable Water Quality Standards for final effluent discharge from Secunda Sewage Works (as per DWA licence) |   |         |          |         |           |                        |              |     |         |     |      |           |
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|  |   | <0.5    | 48       | 0.46    | 150       | 1.80                   | 0.33         | 54  | 33      | 55  | 7.41 | 3         |
|  |   | 0.55    | 53       | 0.38    | 123       | 2.00                   | 0.27         | 73  | 64      | 63  | 7.48 | 5         |

**Key**

|            |                        |      |   |                        |
|------------|------------------------|------|---|------------------------|
| <b>WAB</b> | Bossiespruit @ Secunda | 0.59 | - | 1 Oct 14 - 31 Dec 14   |
|            |                        | 0.12 | - | 1 Jan 15 - 31 Mar 15   |
|            |                        | 2.1  | - | 1 Apr 15- 30 Jun 15    |
|            |                        | 0.28 | - | 1 July 15 - 30 Sept 15 |

**In-stream Water Quality Guidelines for the Waterval Catchment**

| Variables                    | Measured as            | Ideal Catchment Background | Acceptable Management Target | Tolerable Interim Target | Unacceptable |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Physical</b>              |                        |                            |                              |                          |              |
| Conductivity                 | mS/m                   | < 10                       | 10 - 30                      | 30 - 45                  | > 45         |
| pH                           | pH units               | 6.5 - 8.5                  |                              |                          | < 6.5; > 8.5 |
| <b>Organic</b>               |                        |                            |                              |                          |              |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) | mg/l                   | < 10                       | 10 - 15                      | 15 - 20                  | > 20         |
| <b>Macro Elements</b>        |                        |                            |                              |                          |              |
| Ammonia (NH <sub>4</sub> )   | mg/l                   | < 0.2                      | 0.2 - 0.5                    | 0.5 - 1.0                | > 1.0        |
| Chloride (Cl)                | mg/l                   | < 25                       | 25 - 50                      | 50 - 75                  | > 75         |
| Fluoride (F)                 | mg/l                   | < 0.05                     | 0.05 - 0.20                  | 0.2 - 0.4                | > 0.4        |
| Alkalinity                   | CaCO <sub>3</sub> mg/l | < 40                       | 40 - 75                      | 75 - 120                 | > 120        |
| Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )   | mg/l                   | < 0.1                      | 0.1 - 0.2                    | 0.2 - 0.3                | > 0.3        |
| Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> ) | mg/l                   | <0.05                      | 0.05 - 0.25                  | 0.25 - 0.50              | > 0.50       |
| Sulphate (SO <sub>4</sub> )  | mg/l                   | < 20                       | 20 - 45                      | 45 - 70                  | > 70         |
| <b>Bacteriological</b>       |                        |                            |                              |                          |              |
| Faecal coliforms             | counts/100ml           | <10                        | 10 - 60                      | 60 - 120                 | > 120        |

**\* Applicable Water Quality Standards for final effluent discharge from Secunda Sewage Works (as per DWA licence)**

| Variable                      | Limit       |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| pH                            | 5.5 - 9.5   |
| Electrical Conductivity       | ≤70 mS/m    |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand        | ≤75 mg/l    |
| Ammonia as N                  | ≤6 mg/l     |
| Nitrate / Nitrite as Nitrogen | ≤15 mg/l    |
| Orthophosphate as P           | ≤10 mg/l    |
| Fluoride                      | ≤1 mg/l     |
| Faecal coliform units (FCU)   | 0 per 100ml |

**Water Quality Guidelines**

|  |   |                               |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
|  | - | Ideal                         |
|  | - | Acceptable                    |
|  | - | Tolerable                     |
|  | - | Unacceptable                  |
|  | - | No sample or result available |

**Sewage Works Compliance to General Standard**

(GN 1191 Oct 1999)

| Variables                      | Measured as  | Acceptable Management Target | Unacceptable |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Physical</b>                |              |                              |              |
| Conductivity                   | mS/m         | <150                         | ≥150         |
| pH                             | pH units     | 5.5 - 9.5                    | < 5.5; >9.5  |
| <b>Organic</b>                 |              |                              |              |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)** | mg/l         | <75                          | ≥75          |
| <b>Macro Elements</b>          |              |                              |              |
| Ammonia (NH <sub>4</sub> )     | mg/l         | <3                           | ≥3           |
| Fluoride (F)                   | mg/l         | <1                           | ≥1           |
| Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )     | mg/l         | <15                          | ≥15          |
| Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> )   | mg/l         | <10                          | >10          |
| <b>Bacteriological</b>         |              |                              |              |
| Faecal coliforms               | counts/100ml | <1000                        | ≥1000        |

\*\* After removal of algae