

Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 18 November 2009 at Bethlehem (Dihlabeng Library) at 10h00

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	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP
1	Welcome Mr Cindi welcomed all the attendees.	
2	Introduction of attendees All attendees introduced themselves.	
3	Apologies Absent with apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Mofokeng • S Van Skalkwyk • F Weyers • J Malungani • H Mthembu 	

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4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The following corrections were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr T Sekhobo was misspelt as T Sekgobo. • DWA (Head Office) corrected that they have presented about Vaal WMA studies not Upper Vaal only. • It was mentioned that DWAF has changed the name, it is now called DWA. 	DWA
5	<p>Acceptance of the Minutes The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting held on the 18 August 2009 at Reitz (Nketoana Municipal Offices).</p>	ALL
6	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that matters arising will be dealt with under point 10. 	
7	<p>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>7.1 Forum calendar for 2010. 7.2 Election of a chairperson.</p>	
8	<p>Items for Presentation.</p> <p>8.1 Upgrading of Wilge Treatment Plant .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Thinus van Reenen of Miletus consulting gave a presentation on the proposed upgrade of Harrismith WWTW. • It was also mentioned that there is a new housing development proposed in Harrismith for about 1500 stands/houses, which will also add pressure to the already stressed Harrismith WWTW system. <p>8.2 Green Drop Certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rodney Mashele of DWA (Head Office) gave a presentation on Green Drop Certification. • It was agreed that an official from DWA (Head Office) must send all the municipalities the presentation about green drop. R.P Shibambo to provide him their details. <p>8.3 Prospecting of mining in Frankfort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Bradley Thorpe of Strategic Environmental Focus (SEF) gave a presentation on the prospecting of mining in Frankfort. • The Farmers (I & AP) are opposing the application of prospecting in Frankfort. <p>8.4 Water quality issues around Mafube</p>	<p>Miletus Consulting</p> <p>DWA (Head Office)</p> <p>SEF</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr R.P Shibambo gave a presentation on water quality issues around Mafube. 	DWA
9	<p>Water Quality in the Wige Catchment</p> <p>DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWA presented water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas. It was indicated that most of the sewage works are not complying with variables such as <i>faecal coliforms</i>, <i>E. coli</i>, Ammonia and Nitrates., Harismith, Frankfort, Warden and Bethlehem Sewage Works indicated high Ecoli . <p>Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rand Water presented water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas. Rand Water advised the forum (municipalities) that for any incident or for any help,they must be called urgently so that they can help. 	<p>DWA</p> <p>Rand Water</p>
10	<p>Report back from Stakeholders in the Wilge Catchment</p> <p>Phumelela Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no representative from the Municipality to give a report back. <p>Nketoane Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no representative from the Municipality to give a report back. <p>Dihlabeng Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The municipality's report was distributed to the forum members. There was a query regarding registration, licensing and sewer spillages and it was agreed that Dihlabeng must respond to this issues in the next meeting. <p>Mafube Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was mentioned that there is a farmer taking water from the sewage works for irrigation. It was agreed that the municipality must monitor the quality of the water even though there is a legal agreement. DWA will give feedback about the details around the municipality's agreement with land owner (farmer) in the next meeting. Mafube Municipality committed themselves that they will submit a licence during month end (November 2009). <p>Maluti a Phofung Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maluti a Phofung mentioned that Miletus consulting will be appointed to apply for a license on their behalf . <p>Free State Environmental Health</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no representative to give a report back. <p>Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality indicated that there is a town next to Golden Gate, and asked who monitors the water quality. • It was indicated that the area falls outside of the Wilge catchment, that DWA Free State might have water quality data for this area. <p>Free State DETEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DETEA indicated that they have nothing to report on as they are still new in the forum. • It was agreed that Mr Makhubele will give DETEA the forum's Terms of Reference, so that they will know what to present in the next meeting. 	
11	<p>Water use Licence Applications Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one municipality has applied for a licence. 	DWA
12	<p>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update/Waste Discharge Charge System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWA mentioned that there is an official appointed to coordinate the CMA process and this official will start next year (2010). 	
13	<p>Discussion of Additions to the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the dates for the forum meeting for 2010 are as follows: • 16 Feb 2010 • 18 May 2010 • 17 Aug 2010 • 16 Nov 2010 	
14	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Cindi will continue as chairperson of the Wilge forum. • It was announced that there are some operators that are going overseas and MAP water asked for donations. • It was agreed that an official from DEA must attend or be invited to the forum because there are lots of problems regarding solid waste. DWA (Bloemfontein) sent a letter to MAP Water inviting operators to attend training in Japan. 	DWA

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15	Date of the next meeting: 16 February 2010 Venue: Frankfort (Mafube Municipality)	
16	Closure Chairperson thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 13h00.	