

MINUTES: Forum Meeting
ERWAT Head Office
03 November 2011
10:00 am – 13:00 pm



No	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P Khwinana welcomed everyone to the forum meeting. 	
2.	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the attendees introduced themselves. 	
3.	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephraim Matseba • Stan Madden • Marc De Fontaine • Phyllis Maphakela • Freddie Viljoen • Dries Louw 	
4.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting Corrections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders requested DWA to improve the quality of the minutes and circulate it two weeks before the forum meeting. • P5. 12.2 A Barker mentioned that they will be a work shop as soon as the scope is exercised and the project will be managed properly. 	DWA
5.	Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	
6.	<p>Additions to the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There where no additions 	
7. 7.1	<p>Bio- monitoring presentation by Golder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golder gave presentation on Bio-monitoring and after the presentation they mentioned that they will organize a work shop with DWA in order to assist with toxicity test and bio-monitoring. Also mentioned that their mission is to assist all the applicant of the water use licence with the challenges faced in terms of toxicity and biomonitoring. • It was mentioned that they have a project whereby stakeholders' collects samples and they only do analysis. • Stakeholders suggested that DWA was supposed to have their own toxicity auditing and monitoring programs so as to ensure compliance to the water use licenses holders. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Khwinana mentioned that the Department at the Regional Office are doing auditing in the catchment but not toxicity, however DWA-roodeplaat are doing that at national level. • Mr Khwinana said the reason to invite Golder to give presentation was for interested parties to jointly do the biomonitoring and toxicity as the licence requires; he further mentioned that those who are interested they can contact Mr Louw. 	
8.	Items for discussions	
8.1	<p>Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting – DWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mofokeng said that the map that shows where the located points are will be available in the next forum meeting. • Blesbokspruit@snake Rd- there was improvement compared to the previous water quality report. • Blesbokspruit@Enstra Rd- there was improvement compared to previous water quality report. • Blesbokspruit Welgedacht and R555 Road Bridge on Blesbokspruit downstream of Welgedacht – these two points have been problematic the past three months in terms of faecal coliform. • Grootvlei mine Bridge east – faecal coliform has been acceptable the past three months and dilution is taking place. • Poortjie Road on Blesbokspruit – they have been complying in terms of faecal coliform the past two months. • Welgedacht – mentioned that a plan to eliminate the faecal coliform has been put in place probably next meeting they will be some improvement. 	
8.2	<p>Water Quality Report – Rand Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rand water presented their water quality status that shows that in general the past three months water quality has been acceptable however E-coli has been problematic downstream of waste water treatment works. • Downstream of Grootvlei mine water quality status have improved significantly in terms of sulphate and sodium. • Dissolve and Oxygen its still a concern through out the Blesbokspruit, but some improvement were noted at outflow from New Kleinfontein Dam, Causeway @ Alexander Dam and Storm water drain from Nigel Dam. • Point of concern Stream from Brakpan Lake- with high level of manganese and ammonia the site is still under investigation. • Another concern Stream from Daveyton below Welgedacht WWTW- with COD, E-coli, Dissolve and Oxygen being unacceptable the past three months. 	
8.3	Biomonitoring and Toxicity Monitoring.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed under 7.1 presentation by Golder. 	
8.4	<p>Solid Waste Management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Thya reported that all landfill sites are licensed and complying with the regulations. There are no water quality issues around the landfill site in the catchment therefore there are no pollution accidents. 	
9 9.1	<p>Catchment Activities (5 Minutes Report Back by Stakeholders) Balfour Sewage works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Khwinana mentioned that directive has been issued and mater has been escalated to the CME of the Department and any new developments will be reported next meeting. Stakeholders requested DWA to make a final decision concerning sewage works that are not complying instate of issuing directive that drags long to address the issues. Mr Khwinana emphasized that the procedure has to be followed and he will report back if legal action has been taken by DWA-CME next meeting. 	DWA
9.2	<p>ERWAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that the pumps that were reported not working last meeting have been repaired. Inland stream will be finished by the end of November; further requested everyone to report blockages to Erwat. One million has been spent in fixing blockages however, they have experienced vandalism and the community has been requested to assist in this matter. 	
9.3	<p>GDARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported at the National Ramsa Committee meeting, that there is a lack of participation from the civil community society to the forums and the chairperson of the national ramsa committee admitted that the meeting need to be arranged with the chairperson of Blesbokspruit. Mr Khwinana indicated that the attendance register of Blesbokspruit forum will be given to GDARD in order for them to invite stakeholders of the Blesbokspruit forum meeting to National Ramsa Committee meeting. 	DWA
9.4	<p>Grootvaly Blesbokspruit Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that environmental of education has been going well the past three months and currently they have been unable to use the center due to exams, further mentioned that in terms of facilities they have a new building double store. Sappi high has been upgraded. 	

9.5	Wetland Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that they are having a meeting on the 04 November 2011. 	
9.6	Mondi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative 	
9.7	Lonmin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative 	
9.8	Grootvlei/Aurora <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Khwinana confirmed that the environmental critical level figure of 290 m below the surface was correct as was reported in the last meeting. • Stakeholders requested DWA to invite DMR to give feedback concerning AMD next meeting. • Ristic Dragana said TCTA has arranged a meeting as they are the implementing agency of AMD long and short term solution. Further mentioned that she will be part of the meeting feedback will be given next meeting. 	
9.9	New Kleinfontein <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative 	
9.10	Ergo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative 	
9.11	Impala Platinum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that treatment water plant upgrade still in progress. • There Project of building a new dam faced challenges the past few months however the project is still ongoing. 	
9.12	Karan Beef <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that currently all their points are complying. 	
9.13	Sappi Enstra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No representative 	
9.14	Zincor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zincor plant is still closing down and they are trying to reduce the impact and rehabilitation project are going on. 	
9.15	Comet Abattoir	JM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Khwinana said the meeting will be held in order to resolve issues concerning abattoir and Mr Mofokeng will give feedback next meeting. 	
9.1.6	Largo Colliery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative 	
10	Water Use Licence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mofokeng gave presentation on WULA report. It was mentioned that through Letsema the department have managed to reduce the backlog as the presentation color coded yellow shows that the following licenses have been issued : Zincor : 7L3 & 7L4, New Kleinfontein Mine, Impala Platinum, Burnstone Gold Mine, Selcourt Housing Development, Acsa, Kwazenzele WWTP and Zincor : Residue Disposal Facility. Erwat was there were supposed to submit their application for water use license on the 14 October 2011. But they did not submit the matter will be addressed with Fortune. Karan beef – they have submitted their application of water use license its still under evaluation. Sappi application it was presented and recommended. Balfour managed to reserve termination. Stakeholders requested why DWA is in process to issue Balfour a license while it was mentioned previous meeting that they are not complying. Mr Khwinana said the licence will encourage them to comply. The stakeholders requested DWA to stop issuing licenses to the parties that their plants are not complying. They further asked DWA if all the licenses that were issued or recommended whether the public participation has been done. Mr Khwinana indicated that all the procedures before issuing a license have been considered. The forum requested Burnstone to give feedback next meeting on the activities that are happening on their site. Burnstone mentioned that they will give proper report next meeting however their dams are aligned and they are not discharging anything to the farmers. 	Fortune
11	CMA Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Khwinana reported that the CMA status is still the same however there will be one CMA for Upper, Middle and Lower Vaal Water Management Areas. There will be a presentation by Head Office regarding the status quo and the future of CMA's in the next meeting. 	
12 12.1	Discussion of Additions to the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no additions to the agenda 	

13	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Feb – Sappi Enstra Mill, Springs	
14	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The chairperson thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.	