

**Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 19 August 2009 at Reitz (Nketoane Municipal Offices) at 10h00**

**Attendance Register**

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	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/FOLLOW UP</b>
1	<b>Welcome</b> Mr Cindi welcomed all the attendees.	
2	<b>Introduction of attendees</b> All attendees introduced themselves.	
3	<b>Apologies</b>  <b>Absent with apologies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K. Chetty</li> <li>• M Likhetho</li> <li>• J Malungani</li> <li>• E Janse Van Rensberg</li> <li>• L.B Sello</li> <li>• T Mofokeng</li> <li>• Fanas Weyers</li> <li>• T Sekgobo</li> </ul> <b>Absent without apologies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J Herbst</li> <li>• A Chabana</li> </ul>	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rand Water must be invited in writing to come and present in the next forum.</li> </ul>	DWA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the Municipalities must take their own samples.</li> <li>• In the next meeting DWA must attach a list of the applicants and their status on the Water Use Licence Application.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Acceptance of the Minutes</b> The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting held on the 19 August 2009 at Reitz (Nketoane Municipal offices)</p>	<i>ALL</i>
6	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that Warden (Sewage Works and Pumpstation) are not working properly, and maybe Nketoana can help them</li> <li>• It was agreed that the Forum/DWA must come up with all relevant legislations to assist and take issues of Warden forward</li> <li>• DWA must report in the next meeting about what steps did they take about Warden</li> <li>• Reitz was congratulated for the good work</li> <li>• DWA must send a representative to come and present about the Blue Drop</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p>No additions to the agenda The agenda was approved with a condition that should there be any items arising; they will be dealt with under General.</p>	
8	<p><b>Items for Presentation.</b></p> <p>8.1 Integrated Vaal River System Studies .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWA (Head Office) presented about the Upper Vaal WMA status</li> </ul> <p>8.2 Waste Discharge Charge System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWA presented about the Waste Discharge Charge System, and how the Municipalities must register.</li> </ul>	

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9	<p><b>Water Quality in the Wige Catchment</b></p> <p><b>DWAF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DWAF presented water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas. Most of the sewage works are not complying with variables such as <i>faecal coliforms</i>, <i>E. coli</i>, Ammonia and Nitrates. Bethlehem, Harismith, Frankfort, Warden and Kestel Sewage Works indicated high Ecoli .</li> </ul>	DWA
10	<p><b>Report back from Stakeholders in the Wilge Catchment</b></p> <p><b>Phumelela Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no representative from the Municipality to give a report back.</li> <li>It was indicated in the meeting that there is a pumpstation at the entrance of Warden that is overflowing, and DWA must go and do site visit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nketoane Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a problem of one pump not working, municipality is waiting for the new pump.</li> <li>Municipality is still busy looking for a Lab because they send samples to Bethlehem but they don't receive the results, but they've got a quote from Rand Water.</li> <li>Municipality must engage MAP Water, maybe for assistance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dihlabeng Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no representative from the Municipality to give a report back.</li> <li></li> </ul> <p><b>Mafube Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no representative from the Municipality to give a report back.</li> </ul> <p><b>Maluti a Phofung Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By mid October the municipality will be finished working on the spillages that has been reported last year .</li> <li>There's a golf course that is using Kestel Sewage Works effluent to irrigate their lawn.</li> <li>There are boreholes at Qwaqwa, but even the municipality said they</li> </ul>	DWA

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	<p>don't know who is responsible for them.</p> <p><b>Free State Environmental Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no representative to give a report back.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality</b></p> <p>Thabo Mofutsanyane district municipality indicated that they appreciated the effort that is being made by the local municipalities in tackling water quality issues.</p>	
11	<p><b>Water use Licence Applications Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWA to provide a list of Water Use Licence Applications and their status.</li> </ul>	<i>DWA</i>
12	<p><b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update/Waste Discharge Charge System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No improvement or movement but there are discussions at high level.</li> <li>• It was agreed that DWA must finalise issues on CMA so that we can move forward.</li> </ul>	
13	<p><b>Discussion of Additions to the Agenda</b></p> <p>There was no additions to the agenda.</p>	
14	<p><b>General</b></p> <p>It was agreed that an official from DEAT must attend or invited to the forum because there are lots of problems regarding solid waste.</p> <p>DWA (Bloemfontein) sent a letter to MAP Water inviting operators for training in Japan.</p>	<i>DWA</i>
15	<p><b>Date of the next meeting:</b> 18 November 2009  <b>Venue:</b> Bethlehem (Dihlabeng Municipal Offices)</p>	

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16	<b>Closure</b> Chairperson thanked all for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 13h00.	