

**Minutes of the Wilge Forum Meeting held on 18 November 2009 at Bethlehem (Dihlabeng Library) 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>• T Mofokeng</li> <li>• S Van Skalkwyk</li> <li>• F Weyers</li> <li>• J Malungani</li> <li>• H Mthembu</li> </ul>	

	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/FOLLOW UP</b>
4	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> The following corrections were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr T Sekhobo was misspelt as T Sekgobo.</li> <li>• DWA (Head Office) corrected that they have presented about Vaal WMA studies not Upper Vaal only.</li> <li>• It was mentioned that DWAF has changed the name, it is now called DWA.</li> </ul>	DWA
5	<p><b>Acceptance of the Minutes</b> 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"> <li>• It was agreed that matters arising will be dealt with under point 10.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p>7.1 Forum calendar for 2010. 7.2 Election of a chairperson.</p>	
8	<p><b>Items for Presentation.</b></p> <p>8.1 Upgrading of Wilge Treatment Plant .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Thinus van Reenen of Miletus consulting gave a presentation on the proposed upgrade of Harrismith WWTW.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>8.2 Green Drop Certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Rodney Mashele of DWA (Head Office) gave a presentation on Green Drop Certification.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>8.3 Prospecting of mining in Frankfort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Bradley Thorpe of Strategic Environmental Focus (SEF) gave a presentation on the prospecting of mining in Frankfort.</li> <li>• The Farmers (I &amp; AP) are opposing the application of prospecting in Frankfort.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>Mr R.P Shibambo gave a presentation on water quality issues around Mafube.</li> </ul>	DWA
9	<p><b>Water Quality in the Wige Catchment</b></p> <p><b>DWA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DWA presented water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas.</li> <li>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 .</li> </ul> <p><b>Rand Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rand Water presented water quality status of Wilge catchment with reference to the problematic areas.</li> <li>Rand Water advised the forum (municipalities) that for any incident or for any help,they must be called urgently so that they can help.</li> </ul>	<p>DWA</p> <p>Rand Water</p>
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> </ul> <p><b>Nketoane 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>Dihlabeng Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The municipality's report was distributed to the forum members.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mafube Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was mentioned that there is a farmer taking water from the sewage works for irrigation.</li> <li>It was agreed that the municipality must monitor the quality of the water even though there is a legal agreement.</li> <li>DWA will give feedback about the details around the municipality's agreement with land owner (farmer) in the next meeting.</li> <li>Mafube Municipality committed themselves that they will submit a licence during month end (November 2009).</li> </ul> <p><b>Maluti a Phofung Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maluti a Phofung mentioned that Miletus consulting will be appointed to apply for a license on their behalf .</li> </ul> <p><b>Free State Environmental Health</b></p>	

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	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality indicated that there is a town next to Golden Gate, and asked who monitors the water quality.</li> <li>• It was indicated that the area falls outside of the Wilge catchment, that DWA Free State might have water quality data for this area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Free State DETEA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DETEA indicated that they have nothing to report on as they are still new in the forum.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>Water use Licence Applications Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one municipality has applied for a licence.</li> </ul>	DWA
12	<p><b>Catchment Management Agency (CMA) update/Waste Discharge Charge System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWA mentioned that there is an official appointed to coordinate the CMA process and this official will start next year (2010).</li> </ul>	
13	<p><b>Discussion of Additions to the Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that the dates for the forum meeting for 2010 are as follows:</li> <li>• 16 Feb 2010</li> <li>• 18 May 2010</li> <li>• 17 Aug 2010</li> <li>• 16 Nov 2010</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Cindi will continue as chairperson of the Wilge forum.</li> <li>• It was announced that there are some operators that are going overseas and MAP water asked for donations.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	DWA

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