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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY
REQUEST TO REGISTER A WATER USE

In terms of regulation 3(b) of Regulation 1352 dated 12 November 1999 a person who uses water as contemplated in section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) must, when called upon by the responsible authority to do so, register the water use.

I, Stefanus Christoffel Vogel in my capacity as Regional Director: North West, duly delegated by the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry hereby request that all persons who use water as set out below must register their water use.

1. WATER USE

The following water uses in terms of section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998, must be registered:-

- (a) taking water from a water resource
- (b) storing water
- (c) impeding or diverting flow in a watercourse
- (d) engaging in a stream flow reduction activity (afforestation only at this stage)
- (e) engaging in a controlled activity: irrigating with waste or water containing waste generated through any industrial activity or by a water works
- (f) discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer, sea outfall or other conduit
- (g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource
- (h) disposing in any manner of water which contains waste from, or which has been heated in, any industrial or power generation process
- (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse
- (j) removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for effective continuation of an activity or for the safety of people

2. EXTENT OF WATER USE TO BE REGISTERED

The extent of the water use to be registered is:

- The taking of more than 25 cubic metres from surface water or 10 cubic metres from groundwater on any given day for any purpose
- Storing of more than 10 000 cubic metres of water on any separately registered property or parcel of land
- The taking of groundwater at a rate that exceeds 2,5 litres per second
- The taking of groundwater at a distance not greater than 50 metres from the edge of a watercourse or body of water

3. EXCLUSIONS

The following individual water users are excluded from registering in terms of this notice:

- Schedule 1 uses in terms of the National Water Act (essentially domestic use)
- Water use by members of an irrigation board, water user association and government water scheme in a distribution system where they are supplied by the board or association or scheme
- The taking of water from a bulk supplier or a commercial scheme, where the bulk use will be registered as a whole (the bulk supplier that is the Water Board or Local Authority will register)

4. **AREA OF APPLICABILITY**

This notice is applicable to all water use set out in paragraph one above within the Crocodile West and Marico Water Management Area.

5. **REGISTRATION FORMS**

Only official registration forms may be used. Registration forms are obtainable on written or telephonic request from:-

Regional Director: North West
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
P/Bag X5
MMABATHO
2735

Telephone 018-3843270
Facsimile 018-3922998

obtainable during working hours of 07:30 - 12:45 and 13:30 to 15:30 from:-

Regional Director
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
Motswedi House
LM Mangope Highway
MAFIKENG

Telephone 018-3843270

6. **TIME PERIOD FOR REGISTERING**

Water users must submit their completed registration forms to the addresses above set out above on or before 31 October 2000.

Workshops will be held at strategic venues in the Water Management Area to assist persons with the registration. Dates and venues will be made known through the local media.

7. **FAILURE TO REGISTER**

Any person who fails to comply with this Notice is guilty of an offence.

SC Vogel
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR REGISTRATION

GN 119 of 10 November 2000 extends the time period to 31 March 2001.