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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, Johannes Malherbe van Aswegen in my capacity as Regional Director: Mpumalanga 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.

The following water use as set out in section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 must be registered:

1. WATER USE

The following water use as set out in 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 the flow of water in a watercourse
- (d) engaging in a stream flow reduction activity
- (e) engaging in a controlled activity: irrigating with waste or water containing waste generated through any industrial activity or by a waterwork
- (f) discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer, 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 the efficient continuation of an activity or for safety of people
- (k) using water for recreational purposes

2. THE EXTENT OF THE WATER USE TO BE REGISTERED IS-

(Any volumes or abstraction rates are the aggregate of all volumes or rates on a separately registered property or parcel of land)

- (a) The taking of more than 20 cubic metres from surface water or 10 cubic metres from groundwater on any given day.
- (b) The taking of groundwater within 50 metres from the edge of a watercourse.
- (c) All dams on any separately registered property or parcel of land in the
 - (i) Crocodile River catchment upstream of Kwena Dam
 - (ii) Elands River catchment upstream of Waterval-Onder
 - (iii) Komati River catchment upstream of Swaziland.

- (d) Storing of more than 10 000 cubic metres of water on any separately registered property or parcel of land in the remaining catchments of the Nkomati Water Management Area.
- (e) Stream flow reduction activities (afforestation): - All species of wattle, blue-gum, poplar, pine or any other exotic tree species planted in commercial plantations (including woodlots)

3. **EXCLUSIONS**

The following water use(s) are excluded from registering in terms of this Notice-

- (a) Schedule 1 uses in terms of the National Water Act
- (b) Scheduled water use by members of an Irrigation Board or Water User Association in a distribution system where they are supplied by the Board or Association. (The Board or Association will be registered as a bulk supplier. Other water uses must be registered separately)
- (c) The taking of water from a bulk supplier or a communal domestic water supply scheme, where the bulk use will be registered as a whole.

4. **AREA OF APPLICABILITY**

This Notice is applicable to all water uses set out in paragraph one above that takes place in the Nkomati Water Management Area, which includes the catchments of the following rivers:

- (a) Crocodile River
- (b) Komati River
- (c) Sabie River and
- (d) Sand River.

5. **REGISTRATION FORMS**

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

The Regional Director: Mpumalanga
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
Private Bag X11259
NELSPRUIT
1200
Facsimile (013) 752 5056

or

obtainable during working hours of 07:30 - 16:00 from:

The Regional Director: Mpumalanga
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
Prorom Building (Second floor)
Corner of Brown and Paul Kruger Street

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- (2) A water user must submit the completed registration forms to:-

The Regional Director: Mpumalanga
Registration. Water Use Management
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
Private Bag X11259
NELSPRUIT
1200

6. TIME PERIOD FOR REGISTERING

Completed registration forms must reach the address set out above on or before the mentioned dates:

Mining - 30 Sept. 2000
Industries - 30 Sept. 2000
Local Authorities - 31 Aug. 2000
Water Board, Irrigation Board and Water User Associations - 31 Nov. 2000
Recreational - 30 Sept. 2000
Afforestation - 31 Nov. 2000
Agriculture - 31 Nov. 2000
Commercial users not receiving water from a Local Authority or Water User Association - 30 Sept. 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 user who fails to comply with this Notice is guilty of an offence.

EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR REGISTRATION

GN 1119 of 10 November 2000 extends the time period to 31 March 2001