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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY
REQUEST TO REGISTER A WATER USE IN THE MVOTI TO MZIMKULU WATER
MANAGEMENT AREA**

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, Johann Georg Geoffrey Hansmann in my capacity as Regional Director: Water Resource Management: Kwazulu-Natal, 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. AREA OF APPLICABILITY

This Notice is applicable to all water use set out in paragraph 1 above within the Mvoti to Mzimkulu Management Area.

3. EXTENT OF WATER USE TO BE REGISTERED WITHIN THE MVOTI TO MZIMKULU WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

3.1 Within the Mgeni and Mvoti River catchments:

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

3.2 **Areas other than the Mgeni and Mvoti catchments:**

The extent of the water use to be registered is:

- As in paragraph 3.1 above, except that the taking of 25 cubic metres from surface water on any given day, for any purpose, be replaced with 50 cubic metres per day.

4. **EXCLUSIONS**

The following individual water users need not register 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 or water user association in a distribution system where they are supplied by the board or association (the irrigation board or water user association will be registered as a bulk supplier)
- The taking of water from a bulk supplier or a communal scheme, where the bulk use will be registered as a whole (the bulk supplier i.e. Umgeni Water or local authority will register)

5. **REGISTRATION FORMS**

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

The Regional Director
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
PO Box 1018
Durban
4000

Forms are also obtainable during working hours of 07:30 and 16:00 until 30 June 2000 from:-

Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
9th Floor, Williams Palmer Building
447 Smith Street
Durban
Telephone (031) 3362700
Facsimile (031) 3059927

6. **TIME PERIOD FOR REGISTERING**

Water users must submit their completed registration forms, marked for attention Mrs Vermaak, at the above postal address on or before 31 July 2000.

7. **FAILURE TO REGISTER**

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

JGG Hansmann
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR REGISTRATION:

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

