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**1693**. **Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

How many mining companies in Mpumalanga were issued with water rights licences (a) in the 2012-13 financial year and (b) since 1 April 2016, in each case indicating the (i) names, (ii) locations, (iii) products being mined at each of the specified companies, (iv) the volume of water approved and (v) source of abstraction of the water? NW1906E

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**REPLY:**

(1) A total of 20 mining companies were issued with water use licenses in the 2012-13 financial year. Names, locations, products being mined, volume of water approved and the source of abstraction appear in Table 1:

Table 1: Details of mining companies issued with water use licenses, 2012-13, Mpumalanga

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| **No** | **Name** | **Type of product** | **Property details** | **Province** | **Volume of water** | **Source of Abstraction** |
| 1 | Total Coal SA-Forzando North | Coal | Portion 9, 24, and 10 of the farm Weltervreden 193 IS | Mpumalanga | 237 600m3/a | groundwater |
| 2 | Xstrata - Platinum Flotation - Thorncliffe and Mototolo | Platinum | Thorncliffe 374 KT, Grooteboom 373 KT and Mototolo mine | Mpumalanga | 85 775 m3/a | groundwater |
| 3 | African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation: Vlakfontein Mine | Coal | Ptn 3 Vlakfontein 569 JR | Mpumalanga | N/A | N/A |
| 4 | Maphocs Mine | Coal | Mapochsgronde 500 JS; Ptn 0 Zwartkop 142 JS | Mpumalanga | 341 676m3/a | groundwater |
| 5 | Universal Coal and Energy (Pty) Ltd - Kangala Coal Mining | Coal | Wolvenfontein 244 IR ptn 1&2 | Mpumalanga | 384 060m3/a | groundwater |
| 6 | HCI Khusela Coal (Pty) Ltd -Mbali Colliery | Coal | Ptn 16, 17 Klippoortjie 32 IS | Mpumalanga | 477 597m3/a | groundwater |
| 7 | Corridor Mining | Coal | Ptn 0 Zwartkoppies 413 KS; Ptn 0 Waterkop 113 KT | Mpumalanga | 8 820m3/a | Borehole |
| 8 | Stuart Coal (Pty) Ltd | Coal | Ptn 9 & 10 of farm Weltervren 227 IR | Mpumalanga | 15 000m3/a | Borehole |
| 9 | Muhanga Mine: Emmerenthia | Coal | Ptn 13 &19 of farm Kafferstad 195 | Mpumalanga | N/A | N/A |
| 10 | Sudor Coal -Elandsfontein | Coal | Elandsfontein 75 IS Portions. 4, 7 & 8 | Mpumalanga | 1 320m3/a | Borehole |
| 11 | Shanduka Coal (Pty) Ltd: MTC extension | Coal | Elandspruit 291 JS 14 | Mpumalanga | 1 801 825 m3/a | groundwater |
| 12 | Umcebo Mining: Kleinfontein | Coal | Kleinleeuwfontein 563 IS | Mpumalanga | 1 200 m3/a | groundwater |
| 13 | Umcebo: Umsimbithi Wonderboom Mine | Coal | Ptn 14 farm klippan 452 JS, Ptn 2,3,6,12, 15, 19, 21,22,23,25 farm wonderfontein 428 JS | Mpumalanga | 2 760 600m3/a | groundwater |
| 14 | Wildfontein Colliery | Coal | Wildfontein 420 JS | Mpumalanga | 1 584m3/a | groundwater |
| 15 | Shanduka Coal: Graspan Colliery | Coal | Rietfontein 286 JS, RE of Ptn | Mpumalanga | 1 033 315m3/a; 250 521m3 | groundwater |
| 16 | Inkomati Anthracite Mine (Pty) Ltd | Anthrasite | Wildebeest 494 JU | Mpumalanga | 125 420m3/a | groundwater |
| 17 | Xstrata Coal SA Tweefontein Complex: Optimasation Project | Coal | Tweefontein 13IS | Mpumalanga | 4 354 815m3/a | groundwater |
| 18 | Muhanga Mine: Op Goedenhoop Mine | Coal | Opgoedenhoop 205 IS | Mpumalanga | 16 800 m3/a | groundwater |
| 19 | Elitheni Coal (Pty) Ltd | Coal | Machubeni 3 Allotment Area | Mpumalanga | 276 000m3/a | groundwater |
| 20 | Umnotho Wesizwe Resources (Pty) Ltd - Mooihoek Chrome Mine | Chrome | Mooihoek 255 KT 1 | Mpumalanga | 300m3/a | groundwater |

A total of 22 mining companies were issued with water use licenses since 01 April 2016. Names, locations, products being mined, volume of water approved and the source of abstraction appear in Table 2:

Table 2: Details of mining companies issued with water use licenses since 01 April 2016, Mpumalanga

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| **Number** | **Name** | **Product** | **Property details** | **Province** | **Volume** | **Source of Abstraction** |
| 1 | Vergenoeg Mining Company (Pty) Ltd | Coal | Portion 4 of the farm Kromdraai 209 JR | Mpumalanga | 255 000 m3/a | Surface water: Rust De Winter Dam |
| 2 | Delf Sand (Pty) Ltd: Cullinan | Sand | Brandbach JR , Portion 63 & 67 | Mpumalanga | 214 620 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 3 | Umzobanzi Coal and Energy cc: Schoongezicht coal | Coal | Schoongezicht, 308 JS, Portion 6. | Mpumalanga | N/A | N/A |
| 4 | Msobo Coal (Pty) Ltd: Veerdepan Mine | Coal | Verkeerdepan 50 IT | Mpumalanga | 10 368 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 5 | Just Coal (Pty) Ltd: Bankfontein Colliery & Beneficiation Plant | Coal | Bankfontein 375 JS, portion 48 | Mpumalanga | 24 090 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 6 | Wescoal Mining (Pty) Ltd: Khanyisa Colliery | Coal | Portion 106 of the farm Heuvelfontein 215 IR | Mpumalanga | 36 000 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 7 | Tubatse Chrome (Pty) Ltd | Chrome | Portion 6 of Goudmyn 337 KT | Mpumalanga | 508 919 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 8 | Pembani Coal Caroline (Pty) Ltd | Coal | Re Kwaggafontein 8 IT | Mpumalanga | 1 944 363 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 9 | Glencore Operations South Africa (Pty) Ltd: Merafe Venture Operations- Lydenburg Smelter | Coal | Plot 2541 of Lydenburg Extention 10 | Mpumalanga | N/A | N/A |
| 10 | Eastside Coal Company (Pty) Ltd- Eastside Colliery | Coal | Paardeplaats 12 IT, the Remaining extent of Portion 1 & Haarlem 39 IT, Portion 1. | Mpumalanga | 586 522 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 11 | Freddies Minerals (Pty) Ltd | Coal | Portion 2 of the farm Morelag 5 KU | Mpumalanga | 7 300 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 12 | Dialstat Trading 115 (Pty) Ltd: Water Pipeline from Lakeside to Argent Colliery | Coal | Welgelegen 211 IR portion 9 &2 | Mpumalanga | 600 000 m3/a | Surface water, open void |
| 13 | Canyon Springs investments 82 (Pty) Ltd: Canyon Springs Coal Mine | Coal | Roodekoppies 167 JR, Portion 3, 4 and RE | Mpumalanga | 641 800 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 14 | Universal Coal Development- Kangala Colliery | Coal | Portion 1 RE of the portion 2 of the farm Wolvefontein 244 IR | Mpumalanga | 246 866.25 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 15 | Anglo Operations (Pty) Ltd: Goedehoop Colliery- Dump expansion and Briquetting plant | Coal | Portion 12, 17, 18 and 41 Koornfontein 27 IS | Mpumalanga | N/A | N/A |
| 16 | Omaruru Minerals (Pty) Ltd: Elandshoogte Gold Mine | Gold | Portion 3 of the farm Elandshoogte 270 JT | Mpumalanga | 72 000 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 17 | Liquid Mist Trading (Pty) Ltd: Beneficiation Plant | Coal | Portion 137 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS | Mpumalanga | 19 710 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 18 | Bokoni Platinum Mine: Klipfontein Section | Platinum | Klipfontein 465 KS | Mpumalanga | 66 792 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 19 | Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd: Fairview Mine | Coal | Remaining extent of Fairview 708 JU | Mpumalanga | 2 544 964 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 20 | Perisat Investments (Pty) Ltd: Rirhandzu Colliery | Coal | Vlakvarkfontein 213 IR Portion 4, 14 & 15 | Mpumalanga | 4 380 m3/a | Groundwater |
| 21 | Corridor Mining Resources: Twyfelaar section | Coal | Twyfelaar 119 TKT | Mpumalanga | 4 800m3/a | Groundwater |
| 22 | Optimum Coal Mine (Pty) Ltd: Schoonoord Operations | Coal | Brakpan 163 IS and Schoonoord 164 IS | Mpumalanga | 520 000 m3/a | Groundwater |

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