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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for written reply: Question 2223**

DDG: MR

**Date:**

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**Director General: Department of Mineral Resources**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 2223 ADVANCE NOTICE NO: NW2455E**

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**2223. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) Whether a certain company (name furnished) has a prospecting licence on the Wolwerand Farm near Klerksdorp; if not, what entity currently holds prospecting rights on the farm; if so, when was the permit issued;

(2) Whether any other permits have been issued to the specified company previously; if so, (a) on what date and (b) for how long were the permits issued;

(3) (a) has any entity applied for mining rights on the Wolwerand Farm and (b) (i) what are the obligations of a prospecting company to rehabilitate environmental damage, (ii) by when must it be done and (iii) what is the total cost? NW2455E

**Reply**

1. No, the prospecting right issued to Shiva has lapsed, However there are two prospecting rights that were granted:
2. Afrikaner Lease – granted on the 26 April 2005
3. Bridoon Investments – granted on the 13 June 2011
4. Yes,
5. 935PR issued on the 15/11/2006 for a period of two years 936PR issued 28/10/2006-27/10/2008
6. 940PR issued on the 28/10/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
7. 938PR issued on the 15/11/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
8. 1044PR issued on the 28/10/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
9. 929PR issued on the 28/10/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
10. 930PR issued on the 07/12/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
11. 932PR issued on the 28/10/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
12. 934PR issued on the 28/10/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
13. 928PR issued on the 07/12/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
14. 941PR issued on the 07/12/2006 for a period of two years 936PR
15. Yes, Shiva Uranium has an existing mining right over on the farm
16. Prospecting company has a duty to ensure that concurrent rehabilitation is done.
17. it must be done as and when the prospecting takes place.
18. the total costs must be in line with the environmental disturbances to be created which may vary.

Approved/Not Approved

**Mr MJ Zwane, MP**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

**Date Submitted:-**……………/………………/2017