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**2813. Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) What is the total land and sea area in the Namaqualand in the Northern Cape that was allocated for mining projects (a) in general and (b) for diamond mining purposes since 1 April 1994;

* Sea Concession and coastal, refer to Appendix 1. The hacters are not included.

(2) (a) which companies own the mining rights for the diamond areas, (b) what other minerals have been mined, (c) which companies mined other minerals except diamonds, (d) what is the approximate cost of rehabilitating each hectare, (d) what amount has been spent on rehabilitation in Namaqualand by each mining company and (e) what is the total area in hectares that has been rehabilitated by each mining company in Namaqualand to date? NW3106E

**Reply**

1. **Companies with valid Diamond Mining Rights for diamonds only**
2. Alexkor Bpk (Pty) Ltd
3. De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd
4. Trans Hex Operations (Pty) Ltd
5. Richterveld Mining Company (Pty) Ltd
6. West Coast Resources (Pty) Ltd
7. Kori Diamonds (Pty) Ltd
8. Mafisa Mining (Pty) Ltd
9. African Star Minerals (Pty) Ltd
10. Galputs Minerale (Pty) Ltd
11. **other minerals have been mined**
12. Clay and Koalin (Clay)
13. Cobalt
14. Columbium
15. Copper
16. Feldspar
17. Gemstones
18. Gold
19. Granite
20. Gravel
21. Hoshale o
22. Iron ore,
23. Kyanite
24. Lead
25. leucoxene
26. Lithium
27. Manganese
28. Monazite
29. Nickel
30. Niobium
31. Phosphate
32. Platinum group metals
33. Rare earths
34. Rutile
35. Salt
36. Sand
37. Silica sand
38. Sillimanite
39. Silver
40. Silver Ore
41. Stone Aggregate
42. Sulphur
43. Tantalum/Niobium Ore
44. Tungsten
45. Uranium
46. Wollastonite
47. Zinc
48. Zircon
49. Zirconium
50. **companies mined other minerals except diamonds**

See appendix 2, this include mining Rights, Prospecting Rights and Mining Permits

1. **approximate cost of rehabilitating each hectare**
* each and every mining method has different costing, also depending on the depth of each trench as well as the constructed company. Big companies usually follow the tender processes.
1. total area in hectares that has been rehabilitated by each mining company in Namaqualand to date
* There has been rehabilitation in Namaqualand, however in obtaining the actual hectares of areas rehabilitate is challenging. There is a list of closures certificates that have been issued to companies who have fully rehabilitated their mining areas or if another company has taken an environmental liability of that area. The list is stated on appendix 3, inclusive of Namaqualnd, Kenhardt and Calvinia Districts

Approved/Not Approved

**Mr SG Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

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