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**Memorandum: Parliamentary Liaison Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 434 ADVANCE NOTICE No: NW1408E**

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**434. Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

(1) What is the current status of the processing of the (a) 5a, (b) 6a, (c),?a, (d) *Ba* and (e) 9a shallow-water diamond concessions in the Northern Cape;

(2) on what legal provisions did his department rely when it granted the applicants permission to undertake shallow-water diamond concessions in the specified area? NW140BE

**Reply**

(1) The department is processing the above-mentioned applications in terms of Section 24 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, *200B* (Act *2B* of 2002).

Sea Concessions *Ba* and 9a are the Converted Mining Rights that were issued in terms of Minerals Act 50 of 1991 and were converted in to new order rights in terms of MPRDA.

Sea Concessions 5a, 6a and ?a were issued in terms of the Minerals Act, and the company applied for conversion in terms of the Transitional arrangements of the MPRDA.

Sea Concessions Sa and 9a were granted in terms of section 23(1 )(a)-(f).

(2) The Department rely on the provisions of the MPRDA to process all Applications

**DOG: Minerals Regulation**

**Adv S Malebe
Date**: 07/10/2019

Recommended

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Approved

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