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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 496**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

**Mr. Jacob Mbele**

**Director-General: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**496. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

Whether, in light of the heavy rains in the east of Mpumalanga and the Vaal that left coal stockpiles temporarily unusable and resulted in the increase of partial load losses, his department has any plans in place to mitigate the impact of rain on coal; if not, why not; if so, what are the reasons that the plans have not been implemented effectively enough to mitigate the predictable problem of the effect of heavy rains on coal stockpiles during the crisis we are facing? **NW541E**

**Reply:**

This question should be referred to the Minister of Public Enterprises as he provides oversight over Eskom’s operations.