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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 180 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

A draft reply to **Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE:

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES (For oral reply)

QUESTION NO. 180 (CO443E) INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 27 of 2016

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Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Why has her Department disregarded the appeal by residents of Rietfontein against the proposed development (details furnished)?

180. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

The appeal referred to in this instance was not dealt with by the national Minister of Environmental Affairs.

The application with reference number GAUT006/13-14/E0113 was processed by the Gauteng Department of Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development.

Following the issuing of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) by the provincial competent authority (CA) that is constitutionally mandated to issue this decision, two appeals were received against the decision. Both appeals were subsequently dismissed by the Member of Executive Council (MEC) for Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development as the appeal authority in this instance.

Accordingly, any further queries in respect of the reasons for the dismissal of the appeals should be referred to the MEC for Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development.

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