



## **environmental affairs**

Department:  
Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 270 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

A draft reply to **Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**DR B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**(For oral reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 270 {CO391E}**

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**Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether consultation with communities in respect of the proposed dune mining in Xolobeni Village in Mbizana was conducted; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether their views have been taken into consideration in the environmental impact assessment of the project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**270. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(1) The Department of Environmental Affairs does not have an Environmental Impact Assessment application for dune mining to be undertaken in Xolobeni Village, Mbizana in its records. The application may have been lodged with the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs, if it predates the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, or it may have been lodged with the Department of Mineral Resources if the application was lodged after the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations came into effect.

(2) The department is not in a position to provide such details as there is no record of such application in the department.

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