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NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS - International and National

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INTERNATIONAL

GENERAL

UN to help stop natural resources from fuelling conflicts: The UN Security Council has released a statement highlighting ways in which UN committees, experts and missions could do more to prevent the illicit exploitation and trade in natural resources (including gold, diamonds, oil, timber and coltin) from conflict areas. For full article, see http://www.miningweekly.co.za/article.php?a_id=111660

Kenya puts initiatives into action to help stop forest destruction: Kenya's forest cover is well below relevant international requirements. In order to address the problem, the Kenya Forest Service plans to train and employ forest guards to help curb forest destruction using the legal instrument of the Forests Act 2005. For the full article see <http://www.buanews.gov.za/>

Congo on the right track to save its forests: The DRC is planning to cancel more than half of its timber contracts to help protect its rain forests, but government has stated that it needs aid from foreign governments to do so. For the full article see http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article.php?a_id=111509

One white rhino left in Zambia: Poachers have shot the last two white rhinos in Zambia. One of the rhinos is dead and the other is undergoing treatment. South Africa donated six rhinos in 1993 to Zambia, which had lost all its white rhinos to poaching. Only one male is still alive. For more information, see http://www.int.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=143&art_id=nw20070612150015470C960804

Fishing subsidies worldwide need to be reduced: 125 international marine scientists have appealed to the WHO to stop fishing subsidies. They contend that unless the

subsidies are significantly reduced, permanent damage will occur in the oceans eco-systems. For more info, see http://www.iisd.ca/media/water_wetlands_coasts.htm#marine

Ban on sale of ivory lifted: An 18 year ban on the sale ivory has been lifted to let South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe empty their government ivory inventories in a single sale to Japan. CITES has approved the agreement with the provision that after this single sale, future sales will be stopped for 9 years. For full article see http://www.int.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=143&art_id=nw20070614114500298C836912

CLIMATE CHANGE

New Initiative to monitor large companies' climate strategies: Climate Counts is a new non-profit initiative developed by Green Order to rate major consumer brands on their climate commitment and performance. For full article see http://www.greenbiz.com/news/columns_third.cfm?NewsID=35304

UK launches the "Carbon Calculator": A new initiative, which can be found online, aimed at helping households to work out the impact of their daily actions on the environment and to identify the best ways to reduce their carbon emissions. See <http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/index.html> to work out your impact on the environment.

Increase in forest fires related to climate change: It has been reported that forest fires are increasing as a result of climate change and they are becoming larger and more severe. In 2000, an estimated 350 million hectares of forest and woodland were destroyed by fires. For more info, see <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2007/100570/index.html>

Britain to help Africa combat climate change: African countries have been urged to develop national plans on climate change to help alleviate the impact of global warming. Obvious signs of climate change on the continent include changing rain patterns and floods. The British government has agreed to help Zambia implement new ideas to address climate change. For the full article, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

Report on the impact of climate change on whales: A report addressing the impact of a changing climate on whales, dolphins and porpoises has been released. The reports demonstrates that climate change affects sea temperatures, sea level and results in a decline in krill populations, which is a main source of food for most whales. For the full report, see <http://assets.panda.org/downloads/climatechange16ppfinallo.pdf>

China's first National Strategy on Climate Change: China has released its first national strategy on climate change. The strategy plans to improve energy efficiency but rejects mandatory caps on greenhouse gas emissions. China is a developing country and therefore it needs to balance environmental improvements with economic growth. Consequently, their strategy is to control greenhouse gas emissions by improving energy efficiency by 20% by 2010. For more information see <http://www.nytimes.com/>

Protecting the environment can save lives: World Health Organisation Director General, Margaret Chan, has indicated that protecting the environment can save lives. Around 60 000 deaths occur from climate change related natural disasters every year. The indirect impact links to diseases related to climate change such as malaria, malnutrition and diarrhoea, diseases which kill millions every year. For the full article, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

Canadian government in court: Friends of the Earth Canada have launched a lawsuit against the Canadian government for its decision to abandon national commitments under the Kyoto Protocol and on the basis that Canada's violation of International Law contravenes the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. For more info, see http://www.renewable-energy-world.com/display_article/294020/123/ARTCL/no/NEWS/Canada-to-face-trial-over-global-warming/?dcmp=REW_ARCH

UK's wind farm initiative: The United Kingdom is to build a £4.3 billion offshore wind farm in the Atlantic. It will consist of 350 turbines and could supply electricity to over one million households. Not only is it environmentally friendly but it also fosters employment and regeneration in the country. However, it is unlikely to start generating power before 2018. For more info, see <http://www.renewable-energy.com/>

CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

World Environmental Day, 5 June 2007: In South Africa, various celebrations took place under two themes: "Climate Change - Today's Actions - Shaping Tomorrow's Environment" and

"Strengthening the Partnership for Shared Growth Through Environment and Tourism."

World Oceans Day, 8 June: This celebration addressed issues relating to marine and coastal management, protection and sustainable use were highlighted. A series of events was held at the Museum of Natural History in Berlin, Germany, which addressed the theme "Biodiversity, Climate Change and Community Action: A Message for Our Future." The event focused on the twin challenges of climate change and biodiversity conservation for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) targets. For more info, see www.buanews.gov.za or <http://www.iisd.ca/ymb/wedc/>

14th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): CITES COP-14 was held between the 3rd and 15th June 2007 in The Hague, Netherlands. The conference attracted 1250 participants from 151 government's/NGO's. Topics discussed include the CITES strategic vision for 2008-2013, species trade and conservation issues, enforcement matters, commercially and exploited timber and marine species and mainstreaming the Convention into the broader sustainable development agenda. The media spotlight was on the negotiations on the future of ivory trade and African elephant conservation. During the Conference, members rejected the suggestion to raise captive tigers for trade in their parts. For more info, see <http://www.iisd.ca/vol21/enb2161e.html> and <http://assets.panda.org/custom/newsletter/wwfnews/2007/0607.html>

8th Meeting of the UN Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS): From 25th June 2007 to 29th June 2007 at the UN Headquarters in New York. The main topic of discussion related to the cooperation and coordination of ocean issues, particularly regarding marine genetic resources. For more info, see <http://www.iisd.ca/oceans/icp8/>

12th Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice & 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity: will be held from the 2nd to 13th July 2007. A summary of this meeting will be reported in the July SHE Monthly Newsletter. For more info, see <http://www.iisd.ca/biodiv/sbstta12/>

NATIONAL

The National Biodiversity Framework published for comments: The NBF provides a framework for conservation and development of biodiversity. Main aims of the NBF are to:

- Focus attention on the most urgent strategies and actions required for biodiversity management and conservation
- Point to roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders
- Reiterate South Africa's international commitments to conserving biodiversity
- Describe the policy and legislative framework for biodiversity conservation in South Africa

(To access the full document, contact IMBEWU, see also: page 7 below)

Stakeholders engagement on the Draft Marine Aquaculture Policy for SA: The stakeholder dialogue on the development of the Marine Aquaculture policy was attended by all spheres of government, the aquaculture and fishing industry, communities, labour, Non-Governmental Organisations, research and academic institutions. It follows the publication of the second draft of the marine aquaculture policy in the government gazette on 29 June 2007, calling for further stakeholder inputs into the policy.

For more info, see

<http://www.environment.gov.za/>

South Africa's first Long Term National Climate Change Policy: DEAT plans to finalise the updated Greenhouse Gas Inventory which will inform the first Long Term National Climate Change Policy. The Department expects the report to be published in the 2008/9 financial year. It will outline scenarios of future climate change action, such as long term emissions and their cost implications. For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

Keep Gauteng Clean: Gauteng MEC for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment has launched a provincial anti-litter campaign. For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

PetroSA's environmental commitment: PetroSA has committed R500 000 over three years to Mossel Bay's environmental initiatives. In order to combat environmental decay, government, environmental pressure groups and non-government organisations need to work closely together. PetroSA boasts one of the first CDM projects in South Africa: the Biogas Project.

Managing our elephant population: DEAT has received 700 pages of comments from the public on how to manage the nation's elephant

population. Elephants can be culled in terms of the Draft Norms and Standards for Elephant Management (DN&S) but only after other options have been considered, such as relocation and chemical contraception.

SANParks assisting with the 2010 World Cup: SANParks has been allocated R574.9 million for infrastructure development. They have signed a memorandum of cooperation with the FIFA Accommodation and Ticketing Company which will ensure that soccer fans have a chance to have a truly unique 2010 world cup experience combining sport and wildlife in South Africa. For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

Shark conservation mismanaged: Environmental experts are concerned because South Africa's shark population is dropping rapidly. 400 000 sharks were killed off the West Coast alone last year. They believe legislation needs to be put into place regulating shark fishing. Currently, there are no closed seasons on shark fishing and no limits to the sizes caught. For more info, see http://www.mg.co.za/articlePage.aspx?articleid=311612&area=/insight/insight_national/

South Africa claims another World Heritage Site: South Africa's Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical Landscape has been added to the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. It will be the country's eighth world heritage site. It covers an area of 16 000 hectares of dramatic mountain desert and has a harmonious interaction between its people and nature. For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za> and page 6 below.

Awareness Campaigns launched on mines: South Deep gold mine has launched an awareness campaign to attempt to put safety first in the minds of workers and management. Mines need to focus on prevention and stop the incidents and accidents from occurring in the first place.

International Health Regulations approved by Cabinet: Cabinet has approved the International Health Regulations relating to Pandemic Influenza, which will be implemented with immediate effect. The National IHR Focal Point will help manage and prevent the spread of such diseases. For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

Department of Labour's inspections for 2010 World Cup: The Department of Labour has been checking workplaces nationwide to make sure they are complying with the Occupational Health and Safety Act regulations, with the emphasis now on construction sites for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

PetroSA and Eskom in “partnership”: PetroSA assisted Eskom after its Koeberg Unit 2 stopped generating power by supplying Eskom’s Mossel Bay electricity plant with diesel fuel. The two state owned entities have had lengthy talks on future co-operation. For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

Western Cape environmentally friendly legislation: The Western Cape is introducing legislation that will make energy production environmentally friendly. The legislation will include incentives, tariffs, tax breaks and regulations. The provincial government had to partner with national government to draw up the legislation. It is expected to be promulgated within two years. For more info, see http://www.mg.co.za/articlePage.aspx?articleid=311009&area=/breaking_news/breaking_news_business/

Electricity industry restructuring: The Electricity Distribution Industry (EDI) is to accelerate the restructuring of the industry by focusing on the EDI Restructuring Bill and by preparing Eskom and municipalities to join the Regional Energy Distributors (RED). For more info, see <http://www.buanews.gov.za>

Release of the Second National State of the Environment, 2006, Report

On 28 June 2007 DEAT made public key and comprehensive findings arising out of the South Africa’s second National State of Environment Report. The first National State of the Environment Report was released in 1999 and work on the second report started at the end of 2004 and completed in September 2006, followed by intensive intergovernmental consultation of how best to respond to its findings. For more info, see <http://www.environment.gov.za/>

DID YOU KNOW?

The Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (MNP) has announced that according to preliminary estimates for 2006, China is top of the list of CO₂ emitting countries, overtaking the USA by almost 8%. For more info, see <http://www.mnp.nl/fair/publications/>

LEGISLATION, REGULATION AND PARLIAMENTARY UPDATE

PART ONE: LEGISLATION, DRAFT LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, POLICY AND OTHER DOCUMENTS - NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GAZETTES

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When requesting a particular government gazette please quote the number of the relevant document found below, e.g., "1", "2", etc.

Some of the information in this part is accessed through www.sabinet.co.za

SECTION A: ENVIRONMENTAL (NATIONAL)

Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000

1. Regulations regarding the Promotion of Access to Information – amended by GG 29914 Notice No. 446 dated 1 June 2007.

Environment Conservation Act 73 of 1989

3. Notice in respect of activities on erf 1821, Silverton Extension 3, published in GG 29913 Notice No 679 dated 1 June 2007.
4. Notice in respect of activities on erf 1820, Silverton Extension 3, published in GG 29913 Notice No 678 dated 1 June 2007.

National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003

5. Establishment of the New Mokala National Park in the Northern Cape, published in GG 29996 Notice No 505 dated 19 June 2007.

World Heritage Convention Act 49 of 1999

6. Proclamation of the Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical Landscape as a World Heritage Site, published in GG 30043 Notice No. 563 dated 4 July 2007 (See also: page 4 above).

SECTION B: SAFETY AND HEALTH (NATIONAL)

Safety in Mines Research Advisory Committee (SIMRAC)

7. Invitation to submit project proposals, published in GG 29978 Notice No 732 dated 8 June 2007

SECTION C: SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL **Draft National Legislation and Regulations**

Traditional Health Practitioners Bill

8. Bill 20 of 2007: The Bill establishes the Interim Traditional Health Practitioners Council of South Africa and provides for a regulatory framework to ensure the efficacy, safety and quality of traditional health care services. It also provides for the management and control over the registration, training and conduct of practitioners, students and specified categories in the traditional health practitioners profession; and for others matters connected therewith.

Draft Policy for the development of a sustainable Marine Agriculture Sector in South Africa

9. Gazette No: 30020, Notice No: 799, Date: 2007/06/29: The policy has the objective of creating an enabling environment that will promote the growth of marine aquaculture in South Africa and enhance the industry's contribution to economic growth; promote transformation and broader participation in the aquaculture industry; support and develop regulatory and management mechanisms aimed at avoiding or minimizing adverse environmental impacts; and to expand the resource base from the few species currently being farmed to a more diverse array of species.

Draft National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Framework for SA

10. Published for Public Information and Comment, Gazette No: 30027 Notice No: 801 Date: 20070629: The NBF is informed by both the NBSAP and the NSBA. It draws together key elements of each, and focuses attention on the immediate priorities, both spatial and thematic, for the next five years. The NBF provides a framework for conservation and development. The NBF aims to focus attention on the most urgent strategies and actions required for biodiversity management, point to roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders, including key organs of state whose mandates impact directly on biodiversity management (see also: page 4 above).

SECTION D: SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL **Provincial legislation and Municipal By-Law**

Free-State Province

11. Withdrawal of declaration of private nature reserve, Farm Tweefontein No 141 Theunissen, in PG 48 Notice No. 30 dated 8 June 2007

Kungwini Local Municipality (Formally known as Bronkhorstspuit)

12. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Private Swimming Pools and Excavation Safeguards published in PG 154, Notice No. 2520 dated 11 June 2007.
13. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Parks, Opens Spaces, Dams and Conservation Areas published in PG 154, Notice No. 2519 dated 11 June 2007.
14. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Municipal Swimming Pools published in PG 154, Notice No. 2518 dated 11 June 2007.
15. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Standard Milk published in PG 154, Notice No. 2517 dated 11 June 2007.
16. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Food Handling published in PG 154, Notice No. 2513 dated 11 June 2007.
17. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Fire Brigade Services published in PG 154, Notice No. 2512 dated 11 June 2007.

18. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Electricity published in PG 154, Notice No. 2511 dated 11 June 2007.
19. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Dogs published in PG 154, Notice No. 2510 dated 11 June 2007.
20. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to the Control of Outdoor Advertising published in PG 154, Notice No. 2508 dated 11 June 2007.
21. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Cemeteries published in PG 154, Notice No. 2507 dated 11 June 2007.
22. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to Cafés, Restaurants and Eating Houses published in PG 154, Notice No. 2506 dated 11 June 2007.
23. Kungwini Local Municipality By Laws relating to the Keeping of Animals, Birds, Poultry and Businesses Involving the Keeping of Animals, Birds, Poultry or Pets published in PG 154, Notice No. 2504 dated 11 June 2007.

Western Cape

24. City of Cape Town Rates By-Laws published in PG 6444 dated 15 June 2007
25. Western Cape Provincial Department of Health: General, published in PG 6444 dated 15 June 2007

PART TWO: PARLIAMENTARY MONITORING

This information accessed through the Parliamentary Monitoring Group (www.pmg.org).

Introduction:

The Constitution describes four kinds of bills, namely:

Section 74 bills: constitutional amendments.

Section 75 bills: ordinary bills not affecting the provinces. Once a Section 75 bill has been passed by the National Assembly (NA), it is referred to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). If the NCOP amends the bill or rejects it, it is referred to the NA, which may pass the bill again, with or without amendments, and submit for the President's assent. In other words, the NA can pass a Section 75 bill even if the NCOP disagrees.

Section 76 bills: ordinary bills affecting the provinces. The NCOP and the NA both consider Section 76 bills.

Section 77 bills: money bills (must be introduced by the Minister of Finance in the NA).

Each type of bill has a different passage to becoming law and usually fits into only one category. If a bill does not fit clearly into one category, or if it fits into more than one category, it is usually redrafted or split into more than one bill, e.g., the NEM: Biodiversity Bill which was split into the NEM: Biodiversity Bill and NEM: Protected Areas Bill. Both of these have now been enacted.

(www.pmg.org)

Legislation before parliament (as at 29 June 2007)

Legislation before National Assemblies committees

- Minerals & Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Bill (second reading: 21 August 2007)
- Constitution 13th Amendment Bill
- Cross-Boundary Municipalities Laws Repeal & Related Matters Amendment Bill

Legislation returned to National Assembly for consideration of National Council of Provinces amendments

- Health Professions Amendment Bill

Legislation before National Council of Provinces committees

- Traditional Health Practitioners Bill (referred to National House of Traditional Leaders)

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2007 (As agreed to by the Joint Programme Committee on 1 November 2006) http://www.pmg.org.za/parlinfo/2007programme.htm	
Second Term – 2007: 2 May – 29 June 2007 (items remaining)	
2 May – 29 June 2007 (9 weeks)	
Committees / Oversight	2 – 11 May
Plenaries/ Committees	As from 15 May
NCOP Provincial Week	14 - 18 May
Constituency period	2 – 27 July

July- December 2007, SHE related Legislative Programme: Parliament of South Africa

- National Environmental Management: Coastal Zone Management Bill, July
- National Environmental Management: Waste Management Bill, July
- Pharmacy Amendment Bill, September
- Medicines and Related Substances Bill, September
- Allied Health Professions Amendment Bill, October
- Occupational Health and Safety Act & Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act Amendment Bill, 4th Quarter
- Energy Bill, 2nd Quarter
- Radioactive Waste Management Agency Bill, 4th Quarter
- National Key Points, Strategic Installation and Places of Importance Bill, August
- Merchant Shipping (International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Bill, 3rd Quarter
- National Water Amendment Bill, November
- The National Water Services Bill, November
- The South African National Water Resources Infrastructure Agency Limited Bill, November

PART THREE: ENVIRONMENTAL CASE LAW UPDATE

This section of the IMBEWU SHE Legal Update has been provided by Advocate Peter Lazarus, an advocate at the Johannesburg Bar specializing in environmental and mining law.

Case Law Updates: June 2007

Reported Cases

Fuel Retailers Association of Southern Africa vs Director-General: Environmental Management, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, Mpumalanga Province & Others (Constitutional Court of South Africa Case CCT67/06 (decided on 7 June 2007))

This matter concerned the nature and scope of the obligations of environmental authorities when they make decisions that may affect the environment and, in particular, the interaction between socio economic development and the protection of the environment. The facts involved an application for environmental authorization for the establishment of a filling station in White River, Mpumalanga. The Fuel Retailers Association of Southern Africa objected to the construction of the filling station, including on the ground that the construction of the filling station will have an adverse impact on the environment, and insisted that the environmental authorities should consider whether the proposed filling station would be socially, environmentally and economically sustainable. The environmental authorities granted authorization to construct the filling station and an internal appeal by the Association was unsuccessful. The Association approached the Pretoria High Court seeking to set aside the authorisation, alleging that the environmental authorities did not consider whether the proposed development would be socially, environmentally and economically sustainable. The environmental authorities and the Applicant opposed on the grounds that the socio-economic aspects of the construction of a filling station had previously been considered by the town planning authorities, and it was unnecessary for these factors to be reconsidered. The Pretoria High Court dismissed the application and a subsequent appeal.

The matter was brought before the Constitutional Court where the majority judgment held the Constitution

- recognizes the inter-relationship between the protection of the environment and socio-economic development;
- contemplates the integration of environmental protection and socio-economic development; and,
- envisages that the two will be balanced through the ideal of sustainable development.

The Court confirmed that environmental authorities are obliged to consider socio-economic factors and to assess the cumulative impact on the environment of proposed developments. This obligation is wider than simply assessing the "need" and "desirability" of an activity, as is done under town-planning legislation. The consideration of socio-economic factors is thus an integral part of an environmental authority's responsibility. This means that such authorities cannot evade assessing socio-economic factors, e.g., by leaving such assessment to local authority planning departments. The obligations of the two sets of authorities are distinct in that planning departments consider applications from a town planning perspective while the environmental authorities consider whether a proposed development will be sustainable. The *rationale* underpinning this reasoning is that decisions made in town planning matters are based on a narrower set of criteria than those applicable to the consideration of "sustainability", which involves identifying and evaluating the impacts (even cumulative) of a proposed development on three competing, but inter-linked sectors - the environment, society and the economy. The Constitutional Court set aside the Pretoria High Court's decision and that of the environmental authorities, ordering them to reconsider the application in the light of the judgment.

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- Undertaking environmental legal due diligence investigations.
- Compiling environmental legal reviews of environmental management plans for environmental impact assessments and providing process advice.
- Advising on environmental authorisation requirements.
- Conducting training sessions on environmental legal auditing and general environmental legal compliance issues.
- The provision of site specific SHE Electronic Legal Registers.
- Climate Change specialist legal advice.
- Environmental legal and climate change training and capacity building.

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