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RE : **SEWAGE SPILLAGE**

In relation to the below questions regarding the above mentioned and after our investigation we can confirm that the following:

There was a sewage spillage at Smit Street running into the storm drain. However the overflow spillage did not happen at the area where the municipality was fixing, instead another sewage manhole on the same line at the same street was blocked and that led to the overflow of the sewage.

We did our investigation at the golf course in the presence of the golf course officials and we can also confirm that the spillage from the storm drain was running via the golf course into the Mooi River. This was confirmed by our laboratory results from the samples we took at the golf course storm drainage.

However the horrible stench was not felt at the area where it was previously encountered. We only started to feel the smell down the storm drain closer to Mooi River because the flow is little bit stagnant and not fast enough compared to the upper part close to the entrance to the golf course.

We did several tests from the storm drain including the river to check the impact caused. We also studied our weekly results from the Mooi River for the past three weeks as well as yesterday's (13/06/2017) results. Our findings are that there has not been any negative impact encountered in the Mooi River. The results from downstream showed to be constant in relation to the point of contamination compared to upstream of the river.

We can also confirm that the main hole has subsequently been unblocked and there is no overflow of sewage running to the storm drainage anymore.

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