

Environmental Report by Christine Konz

We have received many complaints about the quality of the water from our boreholes. This gave rise to us having the water tested. Samples were taken from the ladies' bathroom at the swimming pool and delivered within 5 hours to Waterlab in Pretoria. The Class 1 test that was applied is to rate the water safe for everyday consumption.

The results were excellent and the scientist with whom I discussed the results said that it is seldom that they test water and get results as pure as these. He was very interested in the location of the farm and what activities take place.

However, the result of the copper test was not good at all, being only just within the acceptable range. We decided to take more samples from four different boreholes and do more extensive testing for copper. Samples were taken from my house on the east side of the farm, from the tap at the workshop, from Attie du Plessis' house (farm Malemane – near to the dam) and from the Stroud's house (farm La Rive) on the far west side. In all cases the taps were left to run for 15 minutes before taking the samples. This result was very much better and we agreed that the water from the first sample had probably been lying stagnant for days if not weeks in the copper pipes feeding the bathrooms.

Please read the attached laboratory report.

With results like these, how can we NOT be drinking our own water. I would like to appeal to all shareholders who still wish to bring bottled water to the farm to please take the plastic bottles back home with you so that we do not have to burn such toxic waste on the farm.

I have included a slide-set about bottled water, which hopefully will convert all bottled water users.

On the subject of water, I would like to stress that this is our most precious and scarce commodity, which needs to be respected in every aspect of our lives. Use it sparingly, for the sake of our children and grandchildren.