

*Yours Sincerely*

The following is an excerpt taken from a letter submitted by Johannes K Mokgophi of the Mathabatha Civic Association ...

*What we have to know, is that we can never be the leaders all. also an executive of any Structure, which operates softly to please the individuals, can never push the project to the end. The executive Committee have to be strict, fair, obedient, flaxeble and like people by knowing and attending their daily points of views, fairly and respectively. I appeal to the funders and Consultants members, to be fair and Co-operate with the project planners, but not to take them as people who want to benefit for themselves with funders money.*

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# Outsiders look at Mvula

A substantial evaluation team has been appointed by a multi-agency evaluation steering committee to evaluate the impact of the Trust's projects, policies and procedures.

## **International Evaluation Team Leaders**

The evaluation is to be undertaken between March and September 1996 and is being led by an international team of sector specialists, supported by a grant from the Swedish International Development Agency. Three other teams of leading local consultants have also been appointed to evaluate financial, managerial and social issues.

## **Major questions**

The objective of the evaluation is to review the progress made by the Trust in the implementation of its mandate and in contributing to community water supply and sanitation development in South Africa.

The evaluation is expected to provide answers to the following key questions:

- Has the Trust used its resources efficiently;

- How effective has the Trust been;
- What are the wider consequences of the Trust's efforts;
- What should the Trust's role be in the future?

## **Evaluation, Components and Process**

The evaluation will consist of:

- An overall review of policies, approaches and activities;
- A review of the Trust's project and financial management systems and internal functioning;
- A participatory review of community level impact.

Findings will be presented at different stages, culminating in a full presentation of preliminary findings at a workshop in late August.

Any persons or institutions who would like to contribute to this workshop are invited to notify the Evaluation Steering Committee, c/o the Mvula Trust.

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