



## water & sanitation

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### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### **Department to recruit new employees at Finale**

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About 200 temporary workers of Finale Village in Hoedspruit, Limpopo, have agreed to sign letters that terminate their contract to build a Liverpool Gauging Weir Project with a view to measure the surface water flow on the Olifants River Catchment.

Their work included the demolishing of an existing sharp crest structure and replacing it with a new two-notch horizontal one. They also desilted the uphill pool and blasted the rocks in the upstream pool and directly in the construction area.

The workers were receiving a stipend since February this year when the weir project was halted temporarily to assess its socio economic impact in the area. The project started in 2016 and the workers had signed a 17-month contract to work on it.

At a meeting held in the village between officials of the department, Maruleng Local Municipality and the Project Steering Committee on Tuesday, the workers explained that the department could not continue to pay salaries while the project was on hold pending further assessment. The workers will sign the letters before the next meeting scheduled between them and the department.

Departmental officials also met with members of the Project Steering Committee and traditional leaders to explain the status of the project. Members of this committee agreed that they will be dissolved and replaced by a Technical Task Team consisting of members from the department, municipality and the community. The task team will oversee the completion of the project by deciding on the recruitment process and number of new employees.

The termination of the existing contract was suggested by community members who felt that employment in the project should rotate rather than the same group of workers continuing with the project from the start to its completion.

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