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Pollution mitigating efforts poised for financial injection

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The work to mitigate the impact of pollution of the Vaal River in the Emfuleni Local Municipality may soon receive a shot in the arm after the Gauteng Provincial Office of the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Treasury visited the affected area.

The visit, which was used as a way to source funds for the completion of Module 6 of Sebokeng Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW), took place on Thursday, 16 May 2019.

Other stakeholders that were part of the visit included the national and province Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Emfuleni Local Municipality, Rand Water, ERWAT, MISA and the South African National Defence Force.

DWS'S Gauteng Provincial Head, Mr Sibusiso Mthembu, said all the relevant stakeholder were appointed by the ministers of DWS and Finance and had signed an implementation protocol on the Vaal River System.

He said DWS has injected R241mil in the project in the 2018/2019 financial year but these funds could not be spent, reiterating that a request has made for a rollover of these funds into the current financial year.

Mr Mthembu added that the project still required funds to the tune of almost R5 billion and that they would appreciate interventions from various stakeholders including the Treasury.

During the visit it was assessed as to how far the project had gone, how much money has already been spent and how much was still needed.

Reverend Gift Moerane, the Mayor of Emfuleni Local Municipality, expressed his desire for the project to reach completion, saying timelines were crucial in doing so.

The visit saw all participants taking a cruise boat in the Vaal River to inspect where the raw sewer flows directly to the river as a result of pump stations that are dysfunctional in the Emfuleni Local Municipality.

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