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Since the first playground roundabout pump was installed at the Khulani Primary School in Winterveld in August last year, the US-based Kaiser Family Foundation has pledged its support for the installation of 60 playpumps on the basis that funding for a further 60 pumps be obtained.

These pumps will directly benefit schools and communities in rural areas, particularly in cholera affected areas.

While children play on the playground roundabouts, water is pumped into elevated storage tanks. The tanks are used to display public health messages, in particular, around HIV and AIDS.

I issued a challenge to business and communities in November last year to fund 60 playpumps and am pleased to announce that 16 companies have contributed to 23 playpumps in order to match the Kaiser Family Foundation's contribution.

The South African Breweries today became the seventeenth company to make a contribution to installing the playpumps.

The other companies are Absa Bank, AECI, Aquamanzi Developments, Amanzi'abantu Services, Anglo American Chairman's Fund, AM Moola

Charity Fund, Consult Consortium, Donald Gordon Foundation, Harmony Goldmines, Highveld Steel, Metsi Water and Sanitation, Nampak, Spicer Management Services, Vestacor Holdings, Western Areas Ltd and Woolworths.

I want to reiterate my challenge to business and communities to sponsor the remaining 37 playpumps at a cost of R1,5-million.

Eighty seven playpumps have been installed since last year of which 56 playpumps have already been installed in KwaZulu/Natal following the outbreak of cholera. More pumps are to be installed in the North West, Eastern Cape, Northern Province and Mpumpalanga.

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