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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

#### **Gauteng dams remain stable albeit surge in consumption**

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The dam levels in Gauteng remain stable with only minor increase in the Integrated Vaal River System despite concerns over rising consumption.

The Integrated Vaal System, consisting of 14 dams which mainly serve Gauteng, Sasol and Eskom increased slightly for eleventh consecutive week.

Last week the Vaal Dam was sitting at 63.3%, notching just a small increase to 63.5% this week. The Sterkfontein Dam, which is a reservoir that was used to replenish the depleting levels, has seen a negligible decrease to 85.3% this week from 87.1% last week.

Compared to last week when the Grootdraai Dam was at 100%, the dam has taken a minor nosedive and is now hovering at 99.2%

Given unpredictability of the weather patterns and the erratic rainfall, there has not been any significant increase in dam levels.

Coupled with this is a concern over noticeable surge in water consumption, in which case, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is pinning hopes on cooperation on the part of the public to continue to adhere to water restrictions by using water responsibly.

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