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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **IVRS continues to contract to lower levels week on week**

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The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) is continuing to decline having edged down by 0.7% this week from 80.9% compared to 80.2% last week.

The IVRS is the strength of Gauteng's economy as it consists of 14 dams and serving mainly province, Sasol and Eskom.

The Vaal Dam decreased by 0.8 to 93.1 % this week from 93.9 last week. .Compared to year last year during the same period, the dam floated at a miserable 35.8%, placing Gauteng in the most precarious situations in years.

The Katse Dam also took a nose down to dangerously low levels of 33.0% this week. It recorded a decrease of 1.3% from last week's 34.4%. During the corresponding period last year the dam was below the neutral 50% mark at 49.8%.

Recording a surge, the Sterkfontein Dam slightly rose from 91.4% last week to 91.5% this week, accounting for a growth of 0.1%. Compared with the previous year at the same time, the dam was at a decent 89.6%.

Furthermore, the Grootdam saw a drop by 0.6% to 84.1% this week. Last week the Groot Dam hovered at 84.7%, while last year during the same time it was sitting at 79.5%.

Contracting to new lows this week, the Bloemhof has marginally decreased by 0.2% to 99.3%. Last week the Bloemhof was 99.5%, a level that was significantly higher than that of last year during the same time when it was at a withering 23.9%.

With a bleak forecast on chances of rainfall in the near future, the Department of Water and Sanitation is calling for responsible water use, stressing that there is a compelling need to preserve as much water as possible to meet the needs of consumers.

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