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IVRS dips to lower levels but improves from last year at same time

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The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) continued to dip to lower levels despite the rainfalls over the past few days. Currently hovering at 74.9% this week, the system has slightly dropped by 0.1% from 75.0% last week. Compared with the preceeding year at the same time, the system was slightly above the 50% mark at 50.5%

The IVRS consists of 14 dams that serve the province as well Sasol and Eskom. The system is the main pillar that drives the economic prospects of Gauteng and the country.

The Vaal Dam took a slight knock this week, declining by 0.2% to 84.6% from 84.8% last week. Compared to last year during the same period, the dam had shrunk to the depressing 28.2%.

With a marginal increase this week, the Katse Dam is on the upturn, having improved from 27.5% last week to 28.7% this week. The dam has seen an increase of 1.2%. At the same time last year the dam was below 50%, at 41.1%.

The Sterkfontein Dam recorded an increase as it currently at 93.5% from 93.1% last week. Sterkfontein has recorded an increase of 0.3%. Compared with the preceeding year during the same time, the dam was sitting at a 90.2%.

On the downturn this week, the Grootdraai Dam has this week recorded a decrease by 0.6% to 75.9%. Last week the dam hovered at 76.5%. Compared to the same period last year, the dam was at 68.6.1%.

The Bloemhof also dipped to lower levels this week by 0.3% to 89.9%. Last week the Bloemhof was 90.2%. Last year during the same time this dam was sitting at a shrunken level of 17.8%.

The decline of the IVRS has dashed hopes that the recent rainfalls in Gauteng over the last few days has improved its levels. It is in this context that the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is urging both households and industries to exercise caution in their rate of consumption. Although the IVRS, is far better compared to last year during the same time, consumers are called upon maintain responsible use of water resources.

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