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MEDIA STATEMENT

OR Tambo District Municipality water debt repayment agreement reached

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MTHATHA: The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms. Nomvula Mokonyane, today met with the Premier of the Eastern Cape, Phumulo Masualle, and the Executive Mayor of OR Tambo District Municipality, Cllr Nomkhosazana Meth in an attempt to resolve issues relating to the debt owed by the OR Tambo District Municipality to the Department of Water and Sanitation.

O.R. Tambo District Municipality presented a council resolution for the consideration of the Minister and Premier, outlining proposals by the District on payment of the outstanding debt to avert further legal action by the department.

"As a department we have agreed with the Municipality on a payment proposal relating to a debt totaling R 87 million and will within the next two weeks conclude a Memorandum of Agreement with the Municipality," said Minister Mokonyane.

"We have also agreed with the Municipality on reviving a Joint Task Team that will allow us to provide further support to the district with regards to their water and sanitation programme as well ensuring that we avert a future debt situation similar to the one we have since resolved."

The Memorandum of Agreement to be finalized will facilitate for a review of legal action currently awaiting execution on behalf of the department against the Municipality.

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