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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

#### **Refurbishment of Wastewater Treatment Plants in the Northern Cape**

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Refurbishment work at Deben, Olifantshoek, Douglas and Barkley West Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) are near completion. The refurbishment entail de-sludging of ponds, construction of new ponds, lining of ponds, replace and repair of Motorised Control Centres, refurbishment of pumps, installation of chlorine dosage facilities and installation of inlet and outlet flow meters.

The refurbishment work was required due to increased pressure on the WWTPs as buckets are eradicated, septic tanks are replaced and increased flow due to increased populations. The 4 plants and Warrenton Plant are part of a national emergency intervention program of R300 million to ensure functional WWTPs.

There were reported non compliance to treatment standards, spillages and pollution from the plants. The fully functional WWTPs are operated by the local municipalities. In some cases the infrastructure of the Plants were vandalised by communities that contributed to the poor functionality and need for refurbishment.

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