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MEDIA STATEMENT

Update on War on Leaks Programme in Northern Cape

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There are currently 759 youths in the Northern Cape training as Plumbers, Artisans and Water Agents. They are training at TVET colleges in various disciplines namely plumbing, instrumentation, fitting and turning, electrical and welding.

There are 57 youths training as plumbers, 185 electrical workers, 82 fitters and turners, 24 instrumentation technicians, 36 welders and 320 water agents.

Some trainees have been placed at various municipalities in the province, namely Sol Plaatjie, Ga-Segonyana, Dikgatlong, Emthanjeni, Joe Morolong, //KharaHais, Magareng, NamaKhoi and Umsobomvu Local Municipalities to gain the required experience.

Once the trainees complete their training, they will receive certificates for skills programmes completed accredited by the Energy and Water Sector Training Authority (EWSETA), and will have acquired knowledge and skills to increase their employability through tackling the challenge of water leaks in municipalities.

The WOL project will proactively challenge and minimize water losses in the country - a liability with a national average of 37% and a cost implication in excess of R7 billion. Within a five (5) year project lifespan, nationally, 15 000 trainees will be trained within three disciplines to ensure that South Africa's Water and Sanitation Sector is equipped with a competent arsenal of skills and capacity.

The distribution in terms of numbers recruited, trained and deployed over the five year project period will be a 3000 intake (2015/16), followed by a 7000 intake (2016/17), and finally a 5000 intake (2017/18). These will make up the total of 15 000 recruited learners as mentioned by the President at the WOL project launch event on 28 August 2015.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is working in partnership with Rand Water as the implementing agent and the Energy and Water Sector Training Authority (EWSETA) as the training entity for the War on Leaks programme.



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