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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Drop on average water levels in Mpumalanga continues despite recent rains**

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Water levels on average continue to drop in the Mpumalanga Province despite the rains that fell on most parts of the province last week. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 15 October 2018, the average dam levels fell by 0.5% from 72.2% to 71.7%. Water levels in the catchment management areas also recorded declines, with the Olifants catchment dropping from 63.2% to 62.4% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment dropping from 74.2% to 74.0%.

There are some listed dams that recorded slight increases in water levels. Longmere and Witklip Dams in the Ehlanzeni District increased in water volumes, with Longmere increasing from 62.1% to 71.6% and Witklip increasing from 76.0% to 81.6%. In the Nkangala District, Middelburg increased from 90.8% to 94.5%. In Gert Sibande District, Nooitgedacht Dam increased from 86.9% to 90.0%, Vygeboom Dam increased from 93.3% to 93.7%, Westoe Dam increased from 49.9% to 50.0% and Jericho Dam increased from 70.0% to 70.5%.

In Nkangala District, Witbank Dam decreased from 94.7% to 94.6%, and Loskop Dam decreased from 89.0% to 88.0%. In Ehlanzeni District, Driekoppies Dam decreased from 65.6% to 65.2%, Klipkopjes Dam decreased from 60.3% to 54.6%, Primkop Dam decreased from 55.7% to 52.5%, Kwena Dam decreased from 59.6% to 57.3%, Inyaka Dam decreased from 67.5% to 66.7% and Da Gama Dam remained unchanged at 69.7%. In Gert Sibande District, Grootdraai Dam decreased from 80.6% to 80.2%, Heyshope Dam decreased from 85.0% to 84.9% and Morgenstond Dam decreased from 74.7% to 73.6%.

DWS would like to urge the public to continue and strengthen water use efficiency and use the available water in a more conservative manner as we can see that the rain that we are receiving is not enough to fill our dams and increase the flow of our rivers and streams.

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