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Media Statement

DWS took the media on a tour to Mogalakwena Bulk Water Supply project

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Limpopo took the media on a tour to the Mogalakwena Bulk Water Supply project on Wednesday, the 24th July 2018 in Mokopane to showcase the progress of the project.

The Mogalakwena Bulk Water Supply Project is part of the Olifants River Water Resources Development Project (ORWRDP) bulk infrastructure plan which makes provision for the construction of raw and potable water pipeline systems to the identified target areas. The bulk water supply systems for this massive supply area spanning Waterberg, Capricorn and Sekhukhune District Municipalities will primarily obtain water from the Flag Boshielo Dam and the De Hoop Dam which are in the Olifants Catchment area.

The purpose of the programme is to ultimately provide 15 Mm³/a of potable water to 227 840 people in 135 villages. Raw water will ultimately be supplied from the Flag Boshielo Dam which will be supplementing the water from Doorndraai Dam. The various bulk pipe sections are identified by their respective “Phase” numbers. The only immediate need is still to construct the Industrial Wellfield and the bulk water meters in order for phase 1 of the project to be complete, and with a total of 38 settlements benefiting.

Addressing the media, Limpopo’s Acting Regional Head, Mr Lesiba Richard Tloubatla indicated that phase 1 of the project is estimated to be completed by October 2018.

“The objective of the Mogalakwena Water Master Plan is to develop and implement a holistic long term water infrastructure solution that will support the municipality’s development goals. It will unlock vast mining potential and support sustainable integrated human settlements. As phase 1 of this project is to completed, which is estimated to be around October this year, 234 415 people which is about 55 000 households will be getting water on a regular basis”, said Mr Tloubatla.

“The only challenge we seem to be facing now is the issue of vandalism and theft of the infrastructure that we are building to make sure that our communities do get water. As

you saw today the Guard house's windows at Ga-Sekhaolelo were broken and the gate stolen, also the gates to the water tanks built at Phafola and Machikiri were also stolen. So we call on community members to understand that these infrastructure that is being built here is for their benefit, they are the ones who should jealously guard it against anyone who tries to steal or vandalise it", concluded Mr Tloubatla.

The department also calls on citizens to continue saving water. The province's dam level continues to slowly decline with this week sitting at 72.1%, which shows a compared to last year's 72.06%. Water users in the province are encouraged to play their role in saving water to ensure that we do not run out of water.

The Water Management Area for Limpopo continues to decline compared to last year this time, when dam levels were at 87.06%, compared to 75.4% at the moment. In the Olifants, it is now at 70.9%, a decrease compared to last year's 73.0%.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 91.5 % showing a slight movement compared to last week's 92.5%. The Luvuvhu Water Supply System is sitting at 98.1%. The dam level at Nandoni Dam is recorded at 100.13% this week which brings relief to communities.

The Ebenezer Dam is at 85.22% this week, whilst Tzaneen Dam has declined to 37,35%, with farmers in Tzaneen and other areas supplied by the dam encouraged to save more.

Mokolo Dam decreased slightly from 85.66% last week to 84.78% this week and De Hoop Dam is currently sitting at 88,00%, crucial for the communities of Sekhukhune that are supplied by the dam. Doorndraai dam is sitting at 37.21% which is a concern and Flag Boshielo at 93.85%.

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