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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### Dam levels stable this week

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A weekly dam levels report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation shows that South Africa's dam levels have remained steady at 79,7% this week. This is higher than the same period last year when the dam levels were at 71.1%.

The Western Cape residents can breathe a sigh of relief as winter rains have lessened the strain with dams picking up a bit. The average dam levels in the province are at 36.4% from 31.6% last week. During the same period last year, the water levels in Western Cape were 22.6%. Theewaterskloof Dam, is currently sitting at 29,9%, up from 26,6% last week. Calitzdorp increased from 12,7% to 21,2%. Voelvlei Dam increased from 31,5% to 38,5%.

In KwaZulu-Natal, dam levels decreased by a fraction from 65,5% last week to 65,2%. Umgeni Dam System which supplies five dams serving eThekweni and Msunduzi in Pietermaritzburg has decreased from 77,5% last week to 77,1%. The system was at 62,7% in the same period last year. Midmar is at 99,2%, Albert-Falls is at 54,9% and Inanda decreased from 73,8% to 73,5%.

In Mpumalanga, the dam levels have stayed the same at 81,1%. Nooitgedacht is at 93,8%, while Kwena is at 74,5% and Inyaka increased from 77,3% to 80,4%.

In the Eastern Cape, the Algoa System which has 5 dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay increased from 20,2% to 20,7%. The system was recorded at 35,4% last year during the same time.

The Amathole System, with 6 dams serving Buffalo City, remains the same at 90,9%. Last year, during this time, the dam stood at 65,6%. Gubu decreased from 99,0% to 98,5% and Wriggleswade is up from 99,2% to 99,6%.

The Vaal Dam dropped slightly from 100,9% last week to 100,7% this week. The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) decreased from 87,1% to 86,8%. The system was at 82,7% in the same period last year.

In Limpopo Nandoni is at 99,8% down from 100,8% and Nzhelele is at 77,8% a decrease from 78,1% last week.

In the Free State the Bloemfontein System, with 4 dams serving mainly Mangaung, increased from 66,0% to 66,4%. The system was at 46,8% during the same time last year. Rustfontein decreased from 45,0% to 44,3%. Last year at the same time it was at 34,0%.



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In North West, the The Crocodile West, system which has six dams serving mainly Tshwane, Madibeng and Rustenburg regions, is at 92,2% this week, down from 92,8%. The system was recorded at 98,1% last year.

Northern Cape dams increased this week from 88,9% to 91,3%, an increase of 2,4%. Boegoeberg decreased from 107,6% last week to 106,1%. It was at 101,4% in the same period last year. Karee increased from 33,8% to 37,6%

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