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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### EC Dam levels improved

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The average dam levels of the Eastern Cape Province have improved from 64.4% last week to 65.4% this week – a slight increase of 1.0%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) issued a weekly report on the status of water reservoirs. Amathole Water System recorded an improvement of 84.8%, meaning that some areas of the province have received rainfall over the past weekend to boost the System.

Amathole System is serving major dams supplying Buffalo City Metro including Xilinx Dam in Butterworth. This improvement helped the Xilinx Dam to recover from 9.4% last week to 20.1% this week – a huge increase of 10.7%.

DWS is worried by the declining of water levels in major dams of Nelson Mandela Metro – such as Kouga Dam and Impofu Dam. The Algoa System has decreased from 25, 8% last week to 25.1% this week. Compared to last year at this time, the System was 48.1%. Kouga Dam is sitting at 11.7% this week, compared to 32.0% last year at this time.

Klipplaat Water System shows signs of improvement. Oxkraal, a dam under this System, is sitting 52.8% compared to 29.4% at this time last year. Boesmanskrantz Dam is standing at 29.4% this week, compared to 28.6% the previous week.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is still encouraging all consumers to use water sparingly, and report all water leakages in their areas.

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