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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Free State dam levels show slight increase**

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Dam levels in Free State have this week shown a slight increase of 0,5% from 64.4% last week to 64.9% this week.

This is according to the dam level report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Tuesday, 06 February 2018. Most of the dams in the province have been decreasing rapidly over the last few weeks, something that was becoming a concern.

Despite the slight increase that has been recorded, some dams have remained below 20%. Knellpoort Dam increased from 36.9% last week to 37.6% this week. Sterkfontein last week was at 94.2% and currently at 94.4%, Erfenis increased to 41% this week from 40.8% last week. Allemaanskraal last week was at 28.2% and is currently at 29.4%, while Gariep and Vanderkloof remain above 50%.

Residents should bear in mind that water restrictions in the province will continue being implemented until the dam levels are satisfactory.

DWS would like to urge water users to continue using water sparingly and save every little drop. The weather focus has predicted Free State to receive some rains and let's hope it brings change to the current situation.

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