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HANDING OVER OF THE STRUISBAAI WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS

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On the 31st of May 2018 the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mrs Pamela Tshwete was at the Cape Agulhas Local Municipality, in the Western Cape, to hand over the Struisbaai Wastewater Treatment Works. This critical project was funded through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant of the Department of Water and Sanitation, and jointly funded with the municipality

There was a need to augment the present lagoon or oxidation dam system so that the upgraded works can service the treatment requirements of both coastal towns of Struisbaai and L'Agulhas, considering present and future development and growth.

The good news about this project is that 24 temporary jobs were created at the time of construction, and the process controller at the treatment plant is a permanent employee. Most importantly the water quality has improved adequately. A total of 1556 houses from Struisbaai and L'Agulhas are benefitting from this improved water quality. The works will further benefit the 300 low cost houses being developed, as well as the new housing area to be developed in Bredasdorp.

After a briefing at the Council Chambers, The Deputy Minister was taken on a site visit to the treatment plant where she met all the workers that were involved and she got to see how the wastewater system works. The informative site visit was followed by an address to the community at a local venue, where guests were serenaded by the angelic voices of De Heide Primary School Choir.

During her keynote address, the Deputy Minister thanked the Executive Mayor, Councillor Paul Swart, and the council members for putting the community first by utilising the money to better the lives of the people. "A big step towards improving the lives of our people has been taken despite the different political parties represented in the council", added the Deputy Minister as she was speaking against the politicising of water projects by opposition parties. She concluded by urging the Cape Agulhas Local Municipality to take ownership and budget for the maintenance of this project, as this would yield long term success of the project.

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