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MEDIA STATEMENT

IVRS records a drop in levels after weeks of increase

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The Integrated Vaal River System has lightly decreased this week after weeks of recording increase in major dams. The IVRS is currently sitting at 76.4% while last year it was at 83.1%. This week the system fell by 0.1% from 76.4 last week to 76.3 this week. Compared to the same time last year, the system was at 86.3%.

The IVRS, which is currently substantially higher than last year, is pivotal for the economic trajectory of Gauteng. The IVRS consists of 14 dams and supplies Sasol and Eskom, both of which form the pillar of the economy of the province.

This week the Vaal Dam has increased to a whopping 83.6% up by 0.4% from 83.2% last week. During the same period last year, the Vaal Dam was at satisfactory level at 103.4%.

Dropping lower this week, the Grootdraai Dam fell slightly by 0.7% from 100.0% last week to 99.3% this week. Compared to the same period last year, the Grootdraai Dam was sitting at 103.3%.

Similarly, the Bloemhof Dam has seen a decrease this week. From 75.2% last week to 74.6% this week, the Bloemhof Dam has recorded a decline by 0.6% this week. In the preceding year during the same time, the Bloemhof was floating at 97.9%.

The Sterkfontein Dam remains at 94.3% this week, having been at the same level for the past two weeks. Compared to the same period last year, the dam was hovering at 88.8%.

Below the neutral 50% mark, the Katse Dam has also taken a slump this week from 48.4% last week to 48.0% this week, accounting for a decline by 0.4%. At the same time during the preceding year, the Katse Dam was slightly above 50% at 53.7%.

As the levels of the IVRS continue to change week on week, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is calling upon all consumers not to let their guard off and to continue to use water sparingly.

Municipalities are also keeping an eye on the use of water in their areas and so the Department is urging communities to work with them to ensure that wastage is avoided. This requires compliance with any directives that may be given by municipalities to keep their water usage to an acceptable level.

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