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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Mpumalanga records a 0.4% drop in water volumes**

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According to the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 30 July 2018, the Mpumalanga Province recorded a 0.4% drop in water volumes from last week's 79.5% to 79.1%. In terms of the water management areas, the Olifants catchment recorded a decline from 70.9% to 70.5%; and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment dropped from 80.1% to 79.7%.

A majority of listed dams in the Inkomati catchment (Ehlanzeni District) recorded decline in water volumes. Driekoppies Dam dropped from 68.3% to 68.2%; Witklip Dam dropped from 95.9% to 94.9%; Kwena Dam dropped from 73.8% to 73.4%, Da Gama Dam dropped from 81.2% to 79.5%; Inyaka Dam dropped from 74.5% to 74.0%; and Klipkopjies Dam recorded a decrease from 76.1% to 72.1%. Longmere and Primkop dams are the only dams in the district that recorded some increases, with Longmere increasing from 67.1% to 77.2%; and Primkop increasing from 88.0% to 89.0%.

In the Olifants catchment (Nkangala District), Witbank Dam decreased from 100.6% to 100.3%; and Loskop dams dropped from 99.7% to 99.6%; Middelburg Dam recorded a slight increase from 97.8% to 97.9%.

The decline in water volumes in the Gert Sibande District continues. Grootdraai Dam decreased from 89.7% to 89.0%; Nooitgedacht dam decreased from 91.7% to 91.5%; Vygeboom Dam decreased from 97.4% to 96.7%; Heyshope dam decreased from 87.9% to 87.7%; Morgenstond Dam decreased from 79.6% to 79.4%; Westoe Dam decreased from 57.9% to 55.5%; and Jericho Dam decreased from 83.9% to 82.7%.

Even though the average volume of water in Mpumalanga dams is better than this time last year, DWS would like to encourage water users to be conservative in their water use and use the available water in a wise and sparing manner as the drop in water levels continues.

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