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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Setsoto sewer overflows to be a thing of the past**

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The sewer spillages currently taking place in the towns under the Setsoto Local Municipality will soon be a thing of the past.

The Department of Water and Sanitation's Construction East Section based in Standerton is in the process of procuring bulk sewer pipelines for the towns of Setsoto under the Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) Bucket Eradication Programme.

The towns, which already have toilet structures and internal reticulation build recently, are short of bulk sewer pipelines. Ficksburg has 1 469 constructed toilets, Clocolan 3 379, and Senekal 2 913 – but the manholes are overflowing due to shortage of connection to bulk sewer pipelines. The bulk sewer pipelines will come with pumping stations that will pump the sewer to an already constructed Waste Water Treatment Works.

The work will be done by the department's own construction section, which will save time and money. The department will also employ local labourers from these towns. After construction, the operations and maintenance will then be handed over to the municipality.

"This work will relieve local communities of the spillages which cause foul smells and create a hazardous environment for small children," said Ziyanda Xokozela, Sanitation Manager of DWS Free State.

Work is also currently underway in the town of Bethlehem and Bohlokong township (under Dithlabeng Local Municipality) for refurbishment of four sewer pump stations. This work is done under the Water Service Infrastructure Grant (WSIG), where municipalities are given funding of projects under R30 Million. The towns were also experiencing problems of sewer overflowing because of ageing infrastructure.

"The refurbishment was started on 10 October 2018 and is earmarked to be completed by end of March 2019", concluded Xokozela.

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