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MEDIA STATEMENT

The IVRS increases following two weeks of stagnation

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The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) water levels are slightly up this week after they remained unchanged for the past two weeks. The system is currently sitting at 77.2% while it hovered at 76.3% over the past two weeks.

In the preceding year at the same time, the dam was floating at 87.6%.

The IVRS, which consists of 14 dams, is lifeblood of the Gauteng's economy and supplies Sasol and Eskom with water.

Going up slightly this week, the Vaal Dam has increased by 0.3% to 83.5% this week from 83.2% last week. Compared to the same time last year the dam was sitting at 105.6%.

The Grootdraai Dam has declined this week, recording a fall of 0.5% from 97.2% last week to 96.7% this week. Contrasted with last year's levels during the same time, the Grootdraai Dam was at 99.9%.

Similarly on the downturn this week is Bloemhof Dam which has fallen by 0.1% from 73.6% last week to 73.5% this week. In the preceding year at the same time, the Bloemhof Dam was at 104.6% mark.

The Katse Dam has increased this week having been at 49.6% last week. This week the Katse Dam is sitting at 52.3%, recording an increase of 2.7%. At the same time last year, the Katse Dam was at 53.1%.

The Sterkfontein Dam has also recorded a minor increase to 94.6% this week from 94.3% last week. Last year during the same time the Sterkfontein Dam was sitting at 89.3%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is urging the public and business to heighten efforts to conserve water going into the winter season, which normally does not bring rainfalls in the Gauteng Province.

Compounded by the grip of the drought that is quickly spreading to vast areas of the country, the Department still regards active water saving by the public as key to having a stable water supply. In this regards, the Department is calling on communities to be vigilant against all forms of water wastages and to report leaks and pipe burst to their local municipalities.

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