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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Use water wisely as Mpumalanga water levels continue to drop**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) would like to urge and encourage the public to use water sparingly and in a wise manner as the water levels continue to drop in the Mpumalanga Province. According to the DWS weekly state of reservoirs report of 06 August 2018, the average dam levels recorded a 0.4% drop in water volumes from last week's 79.1% to 78.7%. The water management areas also followed trend, with the Olifants catchment dropping from 70.5% to 70.0%. The Inkomati-Usuthu catchment dropped from 79.7% to 79.4%.

In the Ehlanzeni District, Witklip Dam dropped from 94.9% to 93.9%, Kwena Dam dropped from 73.4% to 72.9%, Inyaka Dam dropped from 74.0% to 73.5% and Longmere Dam decreased from 77.2% to 74.1%. The Primkop and Klipkopjes dams recorded some slight increases in water levels, with Primkop increasing from 89.0% to 89.6% and Klipkopjes increasing from 72.1% to 72.3%. Driekoppies and Da Gama dams remained unchanged at 68.2% and 79,5% respectively.

Witbank Dam (in the Nkangala District) went below the 100% mark as it decreased from 100.4% to 99.3%. Middelburg Dam decreased from 97.9% to 97.8%, and Loskop Dam dropped from 99.6% to 99.3%.

In the Gert Sibande District, the decline in water volumes continues. Grootdraai Dam dropped from 89.0% to 88.1%, Nooitgedacht Dam dropped from 91.5% to 91.3%, Vygeboom Dam dropped from 96.7% to 95.2%, Heyshope Dam decreased from 87.7% to 87.6%, Westoe Dam decreased from 55.5% to 55.3% and Jericho Dam dropped from 82.7% to 82.2%. Morgenstond Dam remained unchanged at 79.4%,

As the water levels continue to drop, it is crucial that we all remember that South Africa is a water scarce country that requires everyone to make every drop count. Water conservation is the responsibility of each and every one of us to ensure reliable water supply and water security for the current and future generations and socio-economic development.

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