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MEDIA STATEMENT

Water levels on a decline, everyone must save water

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South African dam levels have dropped marginally from 60, 4% to 60, 3% this week , according to a weekly dam levels report published by the Department of Water and Sanitation .

The Department of Water and Sanitation is seriously concerned by dwindling water levels in most parts of the country, particularly in Nelson Mandela Bay and City of Cape Town Metros.

While the City of Cape Town Municipality started implementing levels 6 of water restrictions to avoid Day Zero, the Nelson Mandela Bay is meeting to consider introducing strict measures in the area.

Algoa Water Supply System serving the Nelson Mandela Bay is continuing on a downward spiral at 27%, a decline from 28.4% last week. The system is becoming a concern as it has dropped drastically compared to 58.2% at the same period last year. Meanwhile the City of Cape Town water levels dropped from 32.9% last week to 30.6% this week. The Cape Town System was at 45.9% during the same period last year.

The Amathole Water Supply System serving dams in Buffalo City Municipality increased slightly by 0.5% from 78.9% last week to 79.4% this week. This system was at 74.6% at the same period last year.

Other dams in Western Cape are as follows; Theewaterskloof is down from 20,2% to 18,1%; Clanwilliam is decreased from 27,9% to 23,8% and Voelvllei is at 21,8% from 24,2%.

In Gauteng the Vaal Dam is at 80, 6% a slight increase from 80,5% the week before. The dam levels are still relatively high compared to the same time last year during the middle of a devastating drought.

In KwaZulu-Natal the Umgeni System which comprises of the Albert Falls , Nagle and Inanda dams increased slightly from 54,8% last week to 56,8% . Hazelmere has increased from 62,4% to 65,1% .

The Free State province dam levels decreased slightly from 68,4% last week to 67,7% this week. The North West province was at 74,2% last week and is now down to 72,4%.The same time last year it was at 59,4%. North West boasts dams such as Elandskuil at 48,3% ,Molatedi at 41,8% and Sehujwane at 63,9%.

Northern Cape Province is at 78,1% this week ,a decrease of 18,4% from 96,5% last week . Spitskop in the Northern Cape is at 58,6% .

The Limpopo province is at 65,7% down from 66,6% last week. Magoebaskloof (Tzaneen) is at 100,4%, Hans Merensky (Phalaborwa) at 100,4%, Nandoni at 96,6% and Ebenezer at 88,7%.



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The Mpumalanga province dam levels are at 76, 6% having dropped from 73,3% last week. Mpumalanga has dams such as the Witbank at 96,9%, Buffelskloof at 88,5% and Hans Merensky at 100,4%.

South Africa is still recovering from the effects of drought that ravaged most parts of the country, so it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that every drop of water is saved.

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