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MEDIA STATEMENT

Western Cape dam levels approach the 60% mark

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The weekly national status of dams report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Tuesday, 21 August 2018 reveal a slight average water levels increase from last week's 77, 5% capacity to 77, 6% this week

Significantly though is that the Western Cape (WC) received good rains and the province's dam levels are set to break the 60% mark for the first time in two years. Their latest readings were captured at 53, 6% this week compared to 52, 5% last week.

The Department is still urging residents of the WC and the country at large to continue to save water.

In the WC, the Theewaterskloof Dam, one of the main six reservoirs feeding Cape Town, rose from 43, 1% to 43, 9%. Clanwilliam Dam is at 98, 5% while Voelvlei is up from 63, 3% to 64, 9%.

In Gauteng, the Vaal Dam in Gauteng is at 94, 9% this week. The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS), consisting of 14 dams serving mainly Gauteng, Sasol and Eskom decreased slightly from 83, 5% to 83, 2%. The system was at 78, 7% during the same time last year.

Eastern Cape dam levels continue to remain low. The Algoa System with 5 dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay decreased slightly from 18, 4% to 18, 2%. The system stood at 31, 9% during the same period. Kouga Dam is low at 6, 9% this week; Loerie decreased from 96, 0% to 94, 7%. Groendal increased from 39, 2% to 39, 5%.

The Amathole System which has six dams that serve East London decreased from 82, 6% last week to 82, 2% this week. Laing increased from 96, 7% to 97, 2% this week.

In the North West, Boskop Dam is at 99, 5%, Klipdrift is at 99, 3% and Taung is at 89, 3%.

In KwaZulu-Natal the Umgeni Dam System which boasts five dams that serve eThekweni and Msunduzi in Pietermaritzburg, decreased slightly from 72, 9% to 72, 3%. The system was at 57, 7% during the same period last year. Midmar Dam remains the same at 94, 7% while Inanda Dam decreased slightly from 69, 3% to 68, 5%.

Northern Cape experienced a 0, 3% decrease from 88, 7% to 88, 4% this week. Spitskop Dam decreased slightly from 91, 2% to 89, 9%.

In Limpopo the average dam levels decreased from 70, 7% to 70, 1%. Flag Boshielo, which supplies most parts of Polokwane, decreased from 91, 5% to 90, 5%.

In Mpumalanga, the average dam levels decreased by a fraction from 78, 2% to 77, 6%. Witbank Dam decreased from 99, 3% to 98, 6%. Middelburg Dam is at 97, 2% and the Rhenosterkop Dam decreased from 6, 3% to 5, 6%.



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