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MEDIA STATEMENT

Communities are encouraged to save water

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The weekly report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation indicating that our dam levels declined drastically at 57.2% this week, as compared to 61.7% at this time last year, a decrease of 4.5%.

Algoa Water Supply System with dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay, Sarah Baartman District and surroundings remain at 43.0% even this week. The major dams such as Kouga Dam declined from 44.2% last week to 44.1% this week, Haarlem dam improved from 69.0% last week to 69.2% this week, and Loerie Spruit dam declined from 69.7% last week to 66.5% this week.

Areas where drought is still visible at Amathole District also experience declining dam levels week by week. Gubu Dam declined at 77.2% this week compared to 77.8% last week, Xilinxha Dam is sitting at 12.1% this week, compared to 17.1% last week, Rooikrantz Dam declined from 58.2% this week to 53.9% and Briggles Drift Dam remain at 43.7% even this week.

Dams under Klipplaat Water System Supply are experiencing drought consequences such as Lubisi dam is sitting at 51.0% this week, compared to 51.6%. Xonxa Dam declined from 96.8% last week, to 95.8% this week, Macubeni Dam improved from 89.5% last week to 90.1% this week and Waterdown Dam dropped this week to 38.3%, compared to 40.7% last week.

DWS appealed to the communities to continue saving water and use it sparingly for future.

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