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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **DWS hosts a media tour at Mmabatho Treatment Plant as part of Water Week**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), together with Sedibeng Water and Mahikeng Local Municipality, hosted a plant tour at the Mmabatho Treatment Plant on Thursday, 03 April 2019. The media tour was aimed at briefing members of the media and councilors from Mahikeng Local Municipality about progress of the upgrade which is underway at the Mmabatho Treatment Plant.

The Mmabatho Treatment Plant is a multiple year project and is currently undergoing an upgrade which will see the plant increase its capacity from 20 to 30 megalitres a day to ensure that there is enough water for the people of Mahikeng. The plant is currently at 79 percent complete and will be fully completed in September 2019.

Through the upgrade, the DWS envisages to augment the bulk water supply in Mahikeng and villages with Mahikeng local Municipality. The main aim of the upgrade is to increase the capacity of the water treatment plant and the bulk water distribution within the Municipality. These will also assist to ensure that there is sufficient bulk water supply up to approximately 2023.

The upgrading process started in October 2014 and comprises of phase one and two which entails refurbishment and upgrading and it also includes addition of ozonation which will assist in addressing the excessive total organic carbon levels in the water abstracted from Setumo Dam.

The ozonation will also assist with improving the taste and odor problems arising from the high algal content which is prevalent as a result of the high nutrient content of the raw water.

Presenting the process of water purification during the tour, Mrs. Leah Manamela from Sedibeng Water highlighted the importance of water purification and the need to stop contaminating water sources like dams and rivers.

“We use a lot of money to purify water which you drink from the tap. You can play your part by educating you families, neighbors and peers to stop contaminating water sources as this will assist in saving money. We also have to keep the facilities used to purify water in good conditions and this also cause a lot of money. If everybody plays a part, we will have better facilities which will assist to ensure that our water is of good drinking quality,” said Leah Manamela.

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