



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Deputy Minister Tshwete hands over Tuschenkomst Pump Station and Bulk Water Pipeline to Moses Kotane Local Municipality**

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The domestic water demands which are mainly attributed to backlogs in basic water supply and characterized by erratic and unreliable groundwater supply within the western parts of Moses Kotane Local Municipality have now been addressed through a more sustainable bulk water supply which includes consideration of future growth for the next 20 years for both domestic and industrial water demands.

This has been made possible through the completed Tuschenkomst Bulk Water Pipeline project which includes a 16.50 km long bulk supply steel pipeline with 508 mm diameter and booster pump station between the Tuschenkomst terminal reservoir and the existing AC pipeline to Mabeskraal with connections at Ruighoek (Tlhatlaganyane).

Addressing community members at Ntswana-le-Metsing Sports ground during the handover of both the Tuschenkomst Pump Station and Bulk Water Pipeline, Deputy Minister Tshwete reiterated the significance of having a joint effort between the municipality and the community to take ownership and safeguard the infrastructure against misuse and vandalism.

“It is worth noting that through this project, a total number of 23 982 households with a population of 95 916 people will benefit by getting reliable water supply. I also want to emphasise that you need to start using water sparingly and the municipality has to intensify campaigns by the DWS to save water,” said Tshwete.

The project also includes a 0.53 km long bulk distribution steel pipeline with 212 mm diameter and the 508 NB pipeline which will increase the level of service and decrease backlogs in the greater Mabeskraal region as well as the Bohule and Tlhatlaganyane clusters and in the medium term also the Motlhabe cluster.

The project is implemented by Magalies Water Board funded through DWS’ Regional Bulk Water Infrastructure Grant (**RBIG**) at a cost of R200 million and was completed in the 2018 financial year, however the municipality still has to do connection of water supply to the end user through Municipal Infrastructure Grant (**MIG**).





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Moreover, Deputy Minister Tshwete urged the Moses Kotane Local Municipality to budget for the operation and maintenance of the project including security as it is more cost effective to maintain water projects than to build new ones every few years.

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