



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Water security to become a reality to eight villages in Nkomazi Local Municipality**

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Communities in eight villages in Nkomazi Local Municipality will enjoy reliable and sustainable supply of purified and healthy water upon the completion of the Sibange Regional Bulk Water Scheme.

The project is funded by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and Nkomazi Local Municipality (NLM). It commenced in June 2018 and upon completion in 2021, it is expected to benefit Sibange, Sibange A, Madadeni, Skhwahlane, Ntunda, Phakama, Mgobodzi and Magudu villages.

The objective of the project is to establish a regional scheme through the expansion of existing bulk water schemes and their reconfiguration for more efficient and more economical water treatment and distribution to the community, in an effort to improve access to quality, sustainable and reliable water service.

The Sibange Regional Bulk Water Scheme project is implemented at a cost of R186 million, DWS contributing R163 million as a social contribution and Nkomazi Local Municipality is funding the remaining R23.5 million.

The Sibange Bulk Water Supply Scheme project scope entails the expansion of the Masibekela Water Treatment Works by 7MI/d from the current 14MI/d to 21MI/d, upgrading of bulk pipeline to vary between 200mm to 350mm diameter, upgrading of pump stations and tanks, and upgrading of reservoirs in five phases. Phase 1 entails Construction of 7ML/d water treatment works, Phase 2 entails Construction of bulk pipeline to supply Sibange, Mgobodzi and Magudu and 1MI/d reinforced concrete reservoir and 160KI elevated steel tank in Sibange, Phase 3 entails construction of 11.5km of 250mm oPVC bulk pipeline and Phases 4 and 5 includes the construction of storage facilities at Mgobodzi, Magudu, Madadeni and Shwahlane, booster pumpstation at Madadeni, branch pipeline at Madadeni and bulk pipeline to Ntunda village.





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DWS would like to urge the public to assist in monitoring the projects and ensure that no vandalism of infrastructure takes place to ensure that upon completion the infrastructure serves the purpose it was designed for and ensure that all intended beneficiaries have access to the source of life.

Let us protect our resources and prevent illegal connection as they negatively affect the operation and supply to other members of the community. Let us all be responsible so that everyone can enjoy the source of life which has no substitute.

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