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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **Minister Gugile Nkwinti remains committed to engage the public on the Mzimvubu Water Project**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation Minister Gugile Nkwinti remains resolute in leading consultative discussions with traditional leaders and members of the public to provide progress reports on the construction of the Mzimvubu Water Project in the Eastern Cape Province.

On Monday 11 February 2019, Minister Nkwinti met King Ndamase Ndamase of AmaMpondo and members of the Libode community at Nyandeni Great place. During the meeting, Minister Nkwinti reiterated the department's commitment to provide piped water to several districts, adding that due to the vital catalytic role the project will play in the socio-economic development of the province, the Mzimvubu Water Project has been classified as a Strategic Integrated Project to facilitate the allocation of sufficient water resource.

He encouraged the traditional leadership and members of the community to form part of the project oversight committee that will be established, in order to ensure that their views are represented.

The water project's key objectives are aimed to accelerate the social and economic upliftment of communities through the creation of job opportunities, potable water supply for domestic and industrial water requirements, raw water supply for irrigated agriculture and hydropower generation.

Minister Nkwinti also announced that the official launch of the water project's advanced infrastructure will take place on Monday 18 February 2019, at Esiqhungqwini Village in Tsolo Magisterial district.

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