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3275. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department is overseeing the Olifantspoort and Ebenezer Upgrade Projects; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what specific steps has he taken to ensure the timeous implementation of Phase 1A, to meet the pressing water needs of the Capricorn and Sekhukhune districts and surrounding areas?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is overseeing the Olifantspoort and Ebenezer Upgrade Projects which are being implemented by the Lepelle Northern Water (LNW). The projects are part of the Ministerial Projects which are prioritised as Strategic Water Interventions for the Polokwane Municipality. The project scope involves the refurbishing and upgrading of the bulk water supply infrastructure of the Ebenezer and the Olifantspoort WSS to reduce water services backlogs and meet the current and projected water needs of the areas supplied by these two schemes.

The project will be implemented in three (3) phases, with phase 1 being the upgrade and refurbishment of both Olifantspoort Water Supply Scheme and Ebenezer Water Supply Scheme to address the current shortage of water. The proposed phase 1 upgrade works could increase the production of water by 40 MI/day as follows:

- Olifantspoort WSS: 30 MI/day at an estimated cost of R4 billion.
- Ebenezer WSS: 10 MI/day at an estimated cost of R500 million.

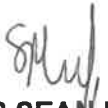
The table below summarises progress on planning activities as at end of September 2023:

Major items	Progress (%)
Inception of the Project	Done
Site Assessment and Condition - Specialist Studies	Done
Specialist Studies	Done
Development of detailed design and analysis	Done
Development of Feasibility reports	Done
Development of Implementation Readiness Report	Done
Development of Drawings and Technical Specifications	Done
Achievement of Record of Decisions	98%
Approvals of Final Feasibility and Implementation Readiness Study (IRS) reports by Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	98%
Approvals of project specifications – Bid Specification Committee (BSC) documents	50%


LNW has appointed the Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC) to render procurement services for construction works. The procurement process will be finalised during November 2023. The department convenes regular meetings with LNW where progress or lack thereof is interrogated, and solutions agreed upon to expedite the project.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
 DATE: 27/10/23

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED ✓


MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
 DATE: 2/11/23