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Minister Mokonyane says Ludeke Dam will change the lives of Mbizana residents

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In honouring the late Oliver Tambo, the Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Ms Nomvula Mokonyane launched Phase one of the Great Mbizana Regional Bulk Water Supply Scheme by handing over the newly built Ludeke Dam in Mbizana Local Municipality recently.

She was joined by her Deputy, Pamela Tshwete and a delegation from the Eastern Cape Provincial Government led by Premier Phumulo Masaulle.

The launch of Ludeke Dam preceded the OR Tambo centenary was held in the area of Nkantolo village to honour him for his contribution in the liberation of the country.

The multi-million rand Ludeke Dam will supply water to more than 800 000 villagers including those residing at Matatiele, Mbizana, Ntabankulu and Umzimvubu to access clean water.

During the handover of the dam Minister Mokonyane said the Department working with Provincial and Local Government will work overtime to ensure that the project is implemented as speedily as possible.

“The Nomlacu Water Treatment Works initially had a capacity of cleaning only about 1million water, but today this treatment works will have a capacity of more than 10million. This improvement will provide water to the larger community. The bulk scheme will address water challenges in the villages by increasing the capacity of the water treatment works and improving the bulk water distribution in the area”,

Premier Masaulle also said that the year of OR Tambo will be remembered by the communities of Bizana who will benefit from this multi-million rand Ludeke Dam Project.

A community member Nozamile Gwavuma could not hide her excitement as the prospect of having access to clean water.

“In the previous years we used to drink water with animals but, today our lives will be changed. The Ludeke Dam will assist us in getting water close to our houses. We were told that President Zuma will be



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here to switch on the electricity. We are happy and excite by these developments in Bizana because of Tat'u Tambo. Enkosi", she said.

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