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Mzimvubu Water Project well underway

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation Mrs Nomvula Mokonyane accompanied by Deputy Minister Mrs Pamela Tshwete, Premier of the Eastern Cape Mr Phumulo Masualle and the MEC of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs gathered at Mthatha Dam Resort recently to update and discuss the Mzimvubu water project with the executive mayors and traditional leaders of the affected municipalities.

“The Mzimvubu water project is about addressing the inequities of the past, social development, skills transfer, etc. The Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) has been appointed as an implementing agent to manage and source funding for the project. A project management office will be established very close to the project site. This project is amongst the top 3 talked about projects in the World Economic Forum. TCTA board will meet at the end of May 2017 and will finalise the project charter which will map the way forward. Only then will we be able to deliberate on the discussion document”, said the Minister. The traditional leaders also raised their concerns and cautioned that there should be proper consultation and they should not be lagging behind in the process.

The Provincial Head Ms Portia Makhanya presented the Mzimvubu Water Project to all the affected stakeholders. In her presentation, she mentioned that the project will start in 2017 and end in 2022. A total of 5500 jobs will be created during the construction of the project and 3700 permanent jobs will be created for operation. Over 700 000 people stand to benefit from the project which will provide water to Alfred Nzo, Joe Gqabi and OR Tambo District Municipalities.

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