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DWS, Rand Water handover Rothdene Pump Station to Midvaal LM's technical team

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and Rand Water carved a place of pride for themselves when they jointly held a technical handover of the Rothdene Pump Station to the Midvaal Local Municipality (LM) on Friday, 03 August 2018.

The pump station, which started in June last year and completed at the end of July this year, was implemented by Rand Water and funded by the Department.

The pump station is situated in Meyerton and has four pumps with a capacity of 440 l/s. This will allow the Midvaal LM to embark on a number of projects, including housing developments.

Speaking during the technical handover, DWS Gauteng Provincial Office's Director for Water Sector Support, Mr Simon Maphangula, said the aim behind the upgrade and handover of the pump station was necessitated by the expanding population in the municipality, resulting in the pump station not having the capacity to treat waste water.

Mr Maphangula expressed his Department's gratitude to Rand Water for having delivered quality work, in view of the fact that the Department has committed itself to complete its projects in time and within budget.

He praised the fact that the Rothdene Pump Station has experienced minimal community interruptions and thanked the contractor for having delivered quality work, adding that the Midvaal LM, as a beneficiary, has a responsibility to take care of the infrastructure.

Ms Thokozani Boikhotso, Head of Department: Sanitation at Rand Water, said the Rothdene Pump Station was one of the sub-projects under the Sedibeng Regional Sanitation Scheme and has been completed successfully.

She said before the commencement of the project, there were a lot of complaints from the community regarding odour and overflowing, stressing that the pump station was old and caused nuisance to the community.

"With the upgrading of the pump station there is now no smell and there is no nuisance and overflowing to nearest communities. Pumps are functional, the sewer is contained within and transported to the Meyerton Waste Water Treatment Works," said the proud Ms Boikhotso.

Technical Advisor at the Midvaal LM, Mr Bruce Welchman, said the municipality was unable to approve more housing developments because of capacity at the pump station as all of the central portions of the municipality drained to the pump station.

Mr Welchman said the upgraded pump station would allow the municipality to approve additional developments which includes that of housing, particularly in the Sicelo area.

Mr Welchman added that he hoped that the upgrade of the pump station would open up development in the area.

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