



## **INTERNET ARTICLE**

### **NWRI: Central Operation completes construction of survey store at Potchefstroom Area Office**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation, under Directorate: National Water Resource Infrastructure (NWRI): Central Operations, has completed the construction of the survey store project at Potchefstroom Area Office, North West province.

According to the Area Manager of Potchefstroom Area Office, Mr Simlindile Msayi, "The main aim of the project was to build a survey store that will give the Area office more storage space for boats and vehicles especially, for the survey section.

"The previous storage space was very crowded to the point that it was creating operational hazards and there was very little space to move between the boats to do inspection or maintenance", said Msayi.

Msayi added that "The construction of survey store project resumed in June 2017 and it has now been officially completed. Some of the key challenges that the project experienced was resigning of the skilled labour, delays with labours contract renewals, procurement delays and awarding of the electrical tender".

Mr Msayi also indicated that "...the increased workspace will allow us to have a proper workspace to do maintenance on the equipment".

Inside the main store, there are two small stores to keep provisions and instruments. It is anticipated that this building will increase operational efficiency for the Area Office very much and officials will be able to set up the instruments in the store if they need to inspect or clean them.

"The plan for the new store was to have a dedicated spot for each boat, trailer and vehicle in order to give enough space to comfortably move around the store. There are also provision for permanent chargers to keep the batteries of the boats charged on a continuous basis", added Msayi.

Mr Msayi concluded by saying that "I am very pleased by the completion of the construction project and we will make sure that we take proper care of the store".

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