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### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### **Mzimvubu Water Project set to commence in January**

17 September 2018

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Gugile Nkwinti accompanied by his Deputy Minister, Ms Pamela Tshwete held a consultative meeting with I stakeholders across government sphere on the progress of Mzimvubu Water Project in Calgary Museum in East London, on Friday, 14 September 2018.

Mzimvubu Water Project was announced by the former President, Jacob Zuma in 2014 as part of the country's infrastructure development programme. .

The Department of Water and Sanitation's Eastern Cape Provincial Head, Ms Portia Makhanya, gave a progress report on the ground work that has been done to date..

She announced that the Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) was appointed by the department to assist in sourcing more funding for the project to fast track the initial stages of the project such as the relocation of households where the dam will be built..

Minister Nkwinti announced that after meeting with National Treasury earlier this month, an agreement was reached that phase one of the project will be undertaken by the local contractors even though Chinese Government has shown interest to invest.. He said the department is working tirelessly to ensure that funds are allocated for this project to ensure that there are no delays.

The project is set to have economic spin offs for community members and it will include the construction of Ntabelanga Dam that will supply potable water to more than 530 000 people in Joe Gqabi, O.R Tambo and Alfred Nzo District Municipalities and this number is anticipated to increase to 726 600 people by 2050.

The Executive Mayor of O.R. Tambo District Municipality, Cllr William Ngozi thanked the department for updating them about the progress and urged Minister Nkwini to further engage other key stakeholders in the area such as traditional leaders to ensure that everyone is on the loop.



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Minister Nkwinti ensured everyone that it is in the interest of the department to ensure that everyone is on the same page about the project, particularly what it brings and the expectations that come along with it.

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