



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### Highlandspan Water Supply Project is completed

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The Highlandspan Water Supply Project in Greater Taung Local Municipality in the Dr Ruth District Municipality has been completed. The Project is already providing fresh water supply to the community of Highlandspan and it is stabilizing water challenges in the area.

The project funded through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG), of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) was completed in July 2023. An amount of R13 050 000,00 was allocated for the project and the whole budget has been utilized.

The project also carried out hydrogeological work which included the aquifer testing of existing boreholes, as well as the drilling of 2 new production boreholes.

The new borehole pumphouses are reinforced with concrete to ensure better security. There was refurbishment and upgrade of existing 20 kilolitre (kl) elevated water storage tanks to 40kl.

The internal reticulation network of Highlandspan is already at a basic level of service. The upgrading of the water reticulation network includes the following: Class12 uPVC pipes (2 000m x 75mm $\varnothing$ ), with new 7 x communal water standpipes as well as installation of isolating - and scour valves.

Eleven (11) local people were given jobs and 128 households are benefitting and have access to clean fresh water from this project.

The Department of Water and Sanitation has urged the community of Highlandspan to take responsibility of the water infrastructure and protect it from being vandalised. Community members were encouraged to report any vandalism or criminal activities related to water infrastructure in the area.

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