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KwaXimba Package Plant to improve water provision in the eThekweni Metro

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Water and Sanitation Minister, Senzo Mchunu, has expressed optimism on the work carried out in KwaXimba, within the eThekweni Metro in KwaZulu-Natal, to address water supply challenges.

This is following a commitment that was made by Minister Mchunu in February this year, to fast-track the implementation of bulk water projects that are mainly implemented by the Department of Water and Sanitation's entity, uMngeni-uThukela Water, working alongside the provincial and local spheres of government.

Speaking during a community Imbizo held recently, Minister Mchunu said that since his previous engagement with members of the KwaXimba community, there has been notable progress, despite some delays as a result of infrastructure vandalism.

"Since my previous interaction with you, we worked alongside the eThekweni Metro to fast-track the implementation of a package plant and associated infrastructure project to provide residents of KwaXimba, specifically the Mvini, Bhobhonono and Nonoti areas, with potable water," said Minister Mchunu.

He added that the KwaXimba Package Plant and associated infrastructure Project comprises of an offtake from Nagle Aqueducts No. 01 and No. 02 with a 35m long 355mm diameter raw water pipeline, construction of a low lift pump station from the Nagle Aqueducts to the Package Plant as well as construction of a concrete slab to accommodate the 2 megalitres per day Package Plant, amongst others.

"The project will be completed in two phases, and these will see the supply of potable water to the Mvini area (Phase 1) and the supply of potable water to the Nonoti and Bhobhonono areas (Phase 2). Thus far, the decommissioning of the existing package plant from Mpofana (Mooi River) and transportation to the KwaXimba area is complete," he said.

Minister Mchunu said that the installation and commissioning of the package plant is scheduled to be completed by May 2024. This intervention will ensure supply to the Mvini and Bhobhonono areas by the same month.

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Meanwhile, Phase 2 of the project is on track to be completed by November 2024. This phase includes the installation of a 5 megalitres per day package plant, the construction of a potable water pump station, and the laying of a 7,500m long pipeline.

Minister Mchunu said that the implementation of the KwaXimba Package Plant has had socio-economic benefits resulting in job creation for 10 locals for Phase 1 of the project, with a further 20 anticipated to be appointed. Phase 2 of the project will see a total of 40 local job opportunities created.

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