



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Minister Mchunu to commission a 150 ml/d Purification Plant to augment water supply for Gauteng users, and handover Sec 63 Intervention Operation and Maintenance fleet**

30 August 2023

Water and Sanitation Minister, Senzo Mchunu together with Deputy Ministers, David Mahlobo and Judith Tshabalala will tomorrow, Thursday, 31 August 2023, commission a phase one of newly built water purification plant that will add about 150 megalitres a day (150 million litres) of potable water to municipalities in Gauteng.

The purification plant, called Station 5A and situated at the currently existing Zuikerbosch Water Treatment Works outside Vereeniging in the Vaal, is part of Rand Water's (CAPEX projects) infrastructure upgrading and augmentation strategy to ensure sustainable water supply to the province.

The second phase (Station 5B) of the project will be completed by the end of 2024 and is expected to add an additional 450 ml/d (450 million Litres per day) of water into the system.

This will bring the overall increase into the system to 600 million Litres per day as part of Rand Water's wide-range augmentation plan to ensure future water security for Gauteng.

Minister Mchunu will further hand over a fleet of 36 vehicles (bakkies) and yellow fleet comprising of TLBs, tractors and other machinery to enable Emfuleni Local Municipality and Section 63 Project to carry out operation and maintenance (O+M) of water and sanitation infrastructure that is currently undergoing refurbishment and upgrade.

In 2021, Minister Mchunu invoked and placed Emfuleni Local Municipality under Section 63 of the Water Services Act and took over water and sanitation services, this came after municipality was unable to manage its water and sanitation services which resulted in sewer spillages in communities and into the Vaal River and ultimately polluting raw water source.

**Members of the media are invited to the events as follows:**

**Date** : Thursday, 31 August 2023

**Session 1** : **Commissioning of Phase 1 of Station 5A, 150 ml/a purification plant**

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**Venue** : Zuikerbosch Water Treatment Works, outside Vereeniging

**Time** : 08H15

**Session 2** : **Handover of machinery and vehicle fleet and Community Engagement**

**Venue** : Isaak Steyl (VUT) Stadium, Vanderbijlpark, Vaal

**Time** : 11h30

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