



MEDIA ADVISORY

Minister Mchunu to officially commission the refurbished Aqueduct 1 and Reservoir 3 in eThekweni Metro

12 January 2023

Water and Sanitation Minister, Senzo Mchunu will on Friday, 13 January 2023, officially recommission Aqueduct 1 and open Reservoir 3 at Umgeni's Durban Heights Water Treatment Plant, in the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.

The afore-mentioned water infrastructures were recently refurbished by uMgeni Water, as the Implementing Agent. The Aqueduct 1 and 2 were severely damaged due the floods that took place in the province last year. The reservoir was taken off-line in 2019 for repairs after safety issues were identified at the water storage structure.

Minister Mchunu will be joined by KwaZulu-Natal Provincial government delegation, led by Premier Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube, eThekweni mayoral delegation, led by Mayor Cllr Mxolisi Kaunda, and Umgeni Water Board delegation, led by Chairperson Ms Ziphozethu Mathenjwa.

Durban Heights Reservoir 3 is a 350ML reservoir situated just outside the Durban CBD and supplies potable water to over five hundred thousand people in Durban and the surrounding area.

Both Aqueducts 1 and 2 were damaged by rock falls on five sites due to torrential rains that caused flooding and massive landslides. Aqueduct 1 is made of steel and has a capacity of 105 MI/d, while Aqueduct 2, a mainly Prestressed Concrete Pipe (PCP) transfers 155 MI/d.

Aqueduct 1 was completed in December 2022 and Aqueduct 2 will be commissioned by 10 June 2023.

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

Date: 13 January 2023

1. Commissioning sites (Media Doorstep)

Time: 09:00

Venue: Durban Heights Water Treatment Plant

2. Formal Programme

Time: 11h00

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Venue: Winchester Venues, Reservoir Hills

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