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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **Kwena Dam drops below 35%**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 30 November 2020 shows that the Kwena Dam, upstream of the City of Mbombela in the Crocodile River system continued to drop in water volumes by shedding a further 2% to go below 35% from last week's 35.2% to 33.2%.

Elsewhere in the Ehlanzeni District, Blyderivierpoort Dam dropped from 81.3% to 80.2%, Buffelskloof from 46.8% to 44.1%, Driekoppies from 67.9% to 67.1%, Longmere from 50.2% to 48.4%, Witklip from 59.4% to 59.0%, Primkop from 67.6% to 63.3%, Kwena from 35.2% to 33.2%, Inyaka from 49.0% to 48.9% and Ohrigstad Dam from 7.7% to 7.4%.

The only improvements in the District were recorded at the Klipkopjes and Da Gama dams which recorded increases from 10.1% to 12.2% and 48.5% to 48.8%.

The report shows that the Mpumalanga Province continues to experience declines in water volumes in listed dams and water management areas of the province. The report shows that average water levels in the listed dams dropped from last week's 63.5% to 63.1%, which equates to 1601.9 cubic meters of water in storage out of the required 2538.6 cubic meters.

This week's report also shows that water levels in the catchment areas are also continuing to drop, with the Olifants water management area slightly dropping from 58.7% to 58.6% and the Inkomati-Usuthu dropping from 58.3% to 57.6%.

DWS urges the public to be more water wise and use the available water in a conservative manner for supply security as climate change is a reality and it has a negative impact on reliable water availability. Water security is in our hands.

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