



MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS in North West provides update on Taung/Naledi Bulk Water Supply project

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (**DWS**) North West recently hosted a media tour at the Taung/Naledi bulk water supply project to provide update and challenges of the water project which is meant to provide potable water to Taung local municipality and ensure relief to Naledi local municipality.

The upgrade of Taung/Naledi Bulk Water Supply Project started in 2010 February with an intention to cover the entire Taung and Vryburg area with reliable water supply and will benefit 189,139 households with the assured potable water.

According to **DWS** Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (**RBIG**) Manager, Mr John Ratombo, the Taung/Naledi water supply project is meant to address both water shortages for domestic and commercial purposes within the Taung and Naledi local municipalities.

Sedibeng water has been appointed as the water service provider and carries out the operation and maintenance of the new infrastructure to ensure that the infrastructure security is not compromised and the lifespan continues for a longer period.

The Taung/Naledi bulk water supply project is being implemented in phases and already has phases that are completed and benefits the some communities.

Addressing the media, DWS North West Provincial head, Mr Chadwick Lobakeng indicated that the work that is being done at the Taung/Naledi bulk water supply project includes refurbishment of a 6 million litres per day Water Treatment Works at Pudimoe and construction of a new 7 million litres per day Water Treatment Works at Pudimoe.

There is also an upgrade of bulk pipeline from Pudimoe Water treatment works to Vryburg, including the reservoir, pump station and abstraction of Water supply from the Taung Dam to the Taung Water Treatment Works.

Lobakeng added that there is also construction of a new Taung Water Treatment Works which include the reservoirs, distribution networks and the pump station in Bokgosing and the installation of the pipelines from the new Morokweng Reservoirs to Longaneng.

“There is also the installation of bulk infrastructure which involves the construction of pipelines to a new reservoir in Molelema as well as bulk pipelines towards existing village reservoirs in Kokomeng, Khudutlou, Molelema and Longaneng”, said Lobakeng.

The second phase of the project will involve the installation of bulk pipelines from the proposed new Morokweng Reservoirs towards new and existing village reservoirs in Dikhuting, Ga-Mokakke,





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Lothwanyeng and Santapan) and new reservoirs will be constructed in Lothwanyeng and Santapan as part of this phase.

Lobakeng also indicated that the second phase will also include the installation of bulk pipelines from the proposed new Morokweng reservoirs towards new and existing village reservoirs in Matsheng; Tlapeng Ext., Tlapeng1 and Tlapeng 2 .

Moreover, there will also be installation of bulk pipelines from the Morokweng Reservoir to Morokweng (1984m of 250mm), from Morokweng to Manthestad and to Makwating and Kolong and an upgrade of the water storage (dam) to increase the capacity at Pudimoe Water Treatment Works, refurbishment of old Water Treatment Works and installation of the new pumps at the Pudimoe Water Works.

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