



MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS set Giyani Water Intervention project in motion

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in collaboration with Lepelle Northern Water as an implementing agent are continuing with the much anticipated Giyani Water Intervention project. This was initiated with a view of enhancing availability of potable water to the town of Giyani and its neighbouring areas in Limpopo.

Delivering a presentation to Parliament's Portfolio Committee, DWS Acting Director-General Deborah Mochotlhi and the team gave a breakdown of the status and progress of the project which is under the jurisdiction of the Water Services Authority, namely Mopani District Municipality.

"Lepelle Northern Water has appointed a new Professional Services Provider to provide Engineering Design and Supervision", said Mochotlhi. She further stressed that the engineers commenced with a due diligence on the project to inform on the actual progress status and to determine outstanding work.

The project is comprised of two major components which are; Nandoni-Nsami Bulk Supply Project which amongst others encompasses laying of bulk pipeline from Nandoni to Giyani, and the construction of pump stations to supply the pipelines. The other element is the Giyani Water Supply Upgrade Project which is comprised of various connections to existing infrastructure reservoirs, and upgrading of Boreholes and Waste Water Treatment Works.

At some stage the progress of the project was temporarily halted due to issues such as waiting for the Traditional Authority's approval to access the site in order to complete the pipeline. This was resolved after the intervention by the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Lindiwe Sisulu and Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation David Mahlobo had visited the area.

This is one of the many projects that the Department is undertaking in order to deliver on its mandate of providing sufficient, reliable, clean water to the needy communities, Limpopo being one province, but in the ultimate across the country.

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