



MEDIA STATEMENT

Grootdraai Dam stable at 93.3%

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The Grootdraai Dam in the Integrated Vaal River System in Lekwa Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province is stable and remains unchanged as most of the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District recorded drops in water volumes. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 04 October 2022 shows that the Grootdraai Dam remained unchanged at 93.3%.

Vygeboom Dam is the other dam that remained unchanged, recording the same 99.8% as last week.

Declining in water volumes, Nooitgedacht drooped from 99.7% to 99.3%, Jericho from 92.9% to 92.3%, Westoe from 75.6% to 74.6%, Morgenstond from 99.9% to 99.8% and Heyshope from 99.5% to 99.3%.

Average water levels continue to drop in the Mpumalanga Province as the DWS report shows that the provincial listed dams recorded an average drop from 91.8% to 91.3%. Water levels also continue to drop in the Water Management Areas (WMA), with the Olifants dropping from 81.5% to 80.8% and the Inkomati-Usuthu dropping from 95.7% to 95.3%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation encourages the public to use the available water sparingly considering the dropping volumes and also to always remember that every drop counts in a water scarce country like South Africa.

DWS also reminds the public that water supply security depends on responsible water use so people must always be responsible and conservative in their water use.

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