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Deputy Minister Mahlobo says 30% of Sedibeng Regional Sewer Scheme should benefit Sebokeng residents

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr David Mahlobo has reiterated government's resolve of ensuring that Vaal residents benefit 30% from procurements proceeds of Sedibeng Regional Sewer Scheme.

He made this undertaking during a Section 63 Stakeholder Engagement with various stakeholders held at Emerald Casino in Vanderbijlpark on Thursday, 04 August 2022.

During this engagement, Deputy Minister Mahlobo was accompanied by Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC in Gauteng, Mr Lebogang Maile, Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Lerato Maloka, Emfuleni Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Siphon Radebe, local councillors and officials from the Department of Water and Sanitation and Rand Water.

The purpose of the engagement was to give a report of progress made since the appointment of Rand Water as the implementing agent to stop the long-standing issues of sewer spillages in households, streets and leading into Vaal River.

Deputy Minister Mahlobo emphasised that contractors appointed by Rand Water as an implementing agent need to demonstrate how the 30% of the project will benefit the people Sebokeng. He added that they must indicate what kind of work, skills and capacity will be needed.

On the progress to stop sewer spillages in the Vaal, Deputy Minister Mahlobo gave Rand Water a pat on the back, saying that since Rand Water took over, there has been lots of improvement and progress in stopping the sewer from entering people's homes.

"In the last few months, we visited Sebokeng Zone 10 and we got a good and encouraging picture wherein the households that used to be adversely affected by sewer spillages, sang a different tune due to intervention by Rand Water. The families were happy that sewer is no longer running into their homes anymore. The focus must be on improving the infrastructure, so that we can rehabilitate the Vaal River," he said.

He pleaded with the local residents' representatives to be patient with Rand Water and establish cordial relations so that the project can continue seamlessly without unnecessary stoppages.

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Sebokeng local business representatives were emphatic that government must stop appointing contractors out of Sebokeng to do Sebokeng projects. Some added that certain suppliers fraudulently get addresses from residents so that they can benefit from the projects even though they are from outside.

Deputy Minister Mahlobo pleased with all stakeholders to work together and allow supply chain processes to be done by the book without any interference.

MEC Maile extended his gratitude to all stakeholders who attended the meeting. He said that it is important to categorise all the issues facing the Emfuleni Municipality.

“Although we have Section 63 but it does not mean that the municipality is exonerated from doing what they are supposed to do. Municipality should indicate how much is allocated to deal with the sewer challenge. The economic recovery and development for the entire Sedibeng should not be mechanical, but should be properly structured,” he added.

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