



MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS engages Breedevalley Communities on the Kwaggaskloof Dam Rehabilitation Project

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On 06-07 December 2023, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) hosted a stakeholder engagement on the rehabilitation of Kwaggaskloof Dam. Located 16 Kilometres from Worcester, the Kwaggaskloof Dam is being rehabilitated to reinforce safety and its integrity following routine safety assessments.

The rehabilitation of the Kwaggaskloof project is one of the nine embankments that forms part of the greater Brandvlei scheme, an off-river storage reservoir situated in Worcester. The implementation of the project will comprise both mechanical and electrical rehabilitation works.

Some of the direct benefits associated with this R 84 million project when it unfolds include the creating the much-needed jobs and local small medium enterprise economy through supply chain procurement opportunities.

During the engagement, Mr James Van Der Heever from Construction South division of the Department, explained that some of the bids to be advertised include hiring of security service provider to safeguard the assets, hiring of ablution facilities, procurement of the building materials etc.

In response to departmental presentations, participants requested the department to share information and exercise transparency during the implementation of the project.

A Project Liaison Committee comprising of community development structures will be established to ensure meaningful participation of all the affected and interested parties.

The stakeholder engagement sessions concluded by giving the small medium enterprise to verify their companies if they appear on the Central Supplier Database (CSD)

Environmental legislation is a solid foundation for South Africa. Consequently, an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be developed and approved before construction in this way, both the environment and the resource will be protected during and after construction.

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The construction work will commence next year.

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