



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Kwena Dam dips below 100%**

16 August 2023

The Kwena Dam in Crocodile River System in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni Districts dipped below the 100% mark after consecutive months above full capacity. The latest Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 14 August 2023 shows that water levels in the Kwena Dam dropped from 100.2% to 99.9% over the past week.

Elsewhere in the Lowveld, the other listed dams recorded drops and others remained unchanged in water levels, with only Da Gama and Vygeboom dams recording some improvements, increasing from 99.8% to 100.3% and 100.3% to 100.4% respectively.

Dams that joined the Kwena Dam in recording declines in water levels include Driekoppies dropping from 100.2% to 100.1%, Longmere from 100.4% to 100.0%, Inyaka from 100.3% to 100.2%, Nooitgedacht from 94.5% to 93.2% and Ohrigstad from 84.5% to 82.9%.

Recording no changes in water levels, Blyderivierpoort remained unchanged at 100.2%, Buffelskloof at 100.2%, Klipkopjes at 99.6%, Witklip at 100.2% and Primkop at 101.1%.

The DWS weekly report also shows that the Mpumalanga Province as a whole recorded an average dam level decline from 97.4% to 97.2% whereas in the Water Management Areas (WMAs), the Olifants WMA dropped from 89.5% to 89.2% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA also dropped from 97.5% to 97.2%.

In terms of the districts, all the districts in the Mpumalanga Province recorded drops in water levels, with Ehlanzeni dropping from 99.9% to 99.7%, Gert Sibande dropping from 97.4% to 94.4% and Nkangala dropping from 99.5% to 99.4%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation encourages the public to be more conservative in their water use and continue using the available water wisely and sparingly taking into consideration that South Africa is a water scarce country where every drop counts as water has no substitute.

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