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MEDIA STATEMENT

Grootdraai Dam water levels down to 80%

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Water levels in Grootdraai Dam in the Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) based in Standerton, Gert Sibande District of Mpumalanga Province continue to drop and now stands at 80%.

Most dams in Gert Sibande District have also recorded a decline in water levels this week, apart from Jericho Dam which recorded an improvement from 72.9% to 73.1%.

According to the latest Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 02 September 2024, the dam recorded a further decline from last week's 80.7% to 80.0%.

Grootdraai Dam is one of the dams in Mpumalanga Province that continue to drop in water volume. According to the DWS report, the average dam levels in the province further dropped from 89.1% to 88.0% this week.

The report also shows that water levels also continue to drop in the Water Management Areas (WMA) with the Olifants WMA dropping from 79.9% to 79.3% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA dropping from 90.3% to 89.0%. In terms of the districts, Ehlanzeni dropped from 90.7% to 89.6%, Gert Sibande dropped from 86.4% to 85.2%, and Nkangala dropped from 92.0% to 91.1%.

Other listed dams that have declined this week include Nooitgedacht from 81.8% to 81.0%, Vygeboom from 100.0% to 99.3%, Westoe from 41.8% to 40.1%, Morgenstond from 84.0% to 74.5%, and Heyshope from 97.7% to 97.5%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation calls on the public to use the available water wisely and sparingly as water levels continue to drop.

DWS also reminds the public that South Africa is a water scarce country amongst the thirty driest countries in the world, and this calls for intensified water conservation initiatives especially as the Spring season brings in more heat resulting to more water losses due increased evaporation in our water resources.

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