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# MEDIA STATEMENT

## The Lowveld continues to record declines in water levels.

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) reminds the public of the importance of water conservation efforts and using the available water wisely and sparingly as dam levels continue to drop in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District of the Mpumalanga Province.

The recent weekly state of reservoirs report shows that most of the listed dams in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District recorded declines in water levels apart from the Longmere Dam which recorded a massive 17% improvement from 74.1% to 91.1%. Vygeboom Dam remained unchanged at 99.3%.

Dams which recorded declines in water levels include Blyderivierpoort from 85.3% to 81.3%, Buffelskloof from 72.6% to 69.9%, Driekoppies from 94.4% to 93.5%, Klipkopjes from 93.0% to 85.4%, Witklip from 88.1% to 85.9%, Primkop from 54.4% to 50.8%, Kwena from 86.8% to 84.6%, Da Gama from 90.5% to 90.0%, Inyaka from 92.5% to 91.2%, Ohrigstad from 39.3% to 35.9%, and Nooitgedacht from 81.0% to 79.9%.

The weekly report on dam levels also shows that water levels continue to drop in the Mpumalanga Province as a whole with the average dam levels recording a further drop from last week's 88.0% to 87.0%. In the Water Management Areas (WMA), the Olifants WMA dropped from 79.3% to 78.4% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA dropped from 89.0% to 88.3%.

Water levels have also dropped on the three districts of the Mpumalanga Province with Ehlanzeni dropping from 89.6% to 88.0%, Gert Sibande dropping from 85.2% to 84.6%, and Nkangala dropping from 91.1% to 90.1%.

In light of the continuous drop in water levels, the Department reminds the public that South Africa is a water-scarce country, residents should make every drop count. Residents are further urged to fix and report leaks to their local authorities.

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