



MEDIA STATEMENT

North West Department of Water and Sanitation brings relief to water supply challenges to areas under Rustenburg Local Municipality

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in North West province continues to bring much-needed relief to many communities that have water supply challenges. Through its Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (**RBIG**) and Budget Facility for Infrastructure (**BFI**), the Department has launched the first component of Pilanesberg Phase 2 Bulk Water supply scheme valued at R809 million, implemented by Magalies Water.

North West DWS Acting Provincial Head, Mr Luxolo Mditshane, said the first component of the scheme will service 63 238 households.

The water supply scheme has four parts, and they include the construction of 30 million litres reservoir (part 1), the construction of a pump station and pipeline from Mafenya to Tlhabane (part 2). This is followed by the construction of Bakubung Reservoir (part 3), and a pipeline from Vaalkop Water Treatment Works to Evergreen junction (part 4), which are currently at a design stage", said Mditshane.

Mr Mditshane also indicated that the first part of the first component, which is construction of 30 million litres reservoir is at practical completion and was completed on 20 December 2024, while part 2 which is construction of pump station and pipeline from Mafenya to Tlhabane is at 98% progress and is expected to be completed before the end of 2025. Part 3 which is Bakubung Reservoir and part 4 which is pipeline from Vaalkop WTW to Evergreen junction are earmarked to be completed by mid-2027.

Although the project is currently underway and on schedule, there were challenges of delays of the project. Among them is the work disruptions caused by some community groups and business forums demanding SMME opportunities on the project. A slow response from the rail infrastructure entity regarding granting authorization for pipe jacking and blasting at one crossing which is along the route of the pipeline, and a delay of power supply installation to connect the pumpstations.

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