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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **DWS Western Cape to host Water Use Licence Application Webinars**

The national Department of Water and Sanitation(DWS) in the Western Cape will host two sessions of Water Use Licence Application (WULA) Webinars on 23 and 30 July 2021.

Ms Boniswa Hene DWS Western Cape Acting Provincial Head says the WULA Webinars are aimed to;

- Inform prospective Water Use applicants of the Western Cape about water use and various permission types,
- Explain the 90-days WULA and Appeal regulated period, including the various phases and the requirements to current and prospective water users,
- Communicate the responsibilities of prospective applicants when making applications.

Hene further states “The Western Cape Provincial Operations, like other Provinces, is currently clearing a backlog of Water Use Licence Applications (WULAs). These WULAs are from a diverse group of sectors which include Agriculture, Industry, Domestic, Government, etc.” Lack of information from applicants, high volume of post drought water use applications, etc are amongst the reasons for these backlogs

The webinars will assist in informing potential applicants on what the Department requires to accept an application as well as to understand the whole WULA process,” says Hene.

The two WULA Webinars will be phased according to sectors with Agricultural sector webinar scheduled for Friday 23 July and other combined sectors scheduled for Friday 30 July 2021.

In recent months, Government has singled out water use licenses (WUL) as one of the catalysts to revive the economy from the ashes of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This has made WULAs to feature prominently on the agenda of Operations Vulindlela, a joint initiative of the Presidency and National Treasury to advance the implementation of structural reforms.



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