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Production to increase by 60%

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Ward 3 and 4 residents of Ndlambe Local Municipality will benefit from the water supplied as a result of the Albany Coast Sea Water Reverse Osmosis Plant upgrade in Bushman's River Mouth, Kenton-On-Sea. This is due to a launch of the project by Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation Ms Lindiwe Sisulu on Thursday 19 December 2019.

Mr Lucas, Director: Water Regulation and Use in the Department of Water and Sanitation said the upgrade will increase production by about 60%. "Ndlambe Local Municipality is the only municipality doing reverse osmosis in the Eastern Cape as a permanent water source. As we develop water resources, we should be mindful of protecting the environment. Vandalism is a challenge and we should look after our water infrastructure", he added.

Minister Lindiwe Sisulu also delivered a keynote address at the launch. She said: "A few weeks ago we launched the water and sanitation master plan and it indicates possible innovations in relation to water resources. The Master Plan showcased alternative innovations and also guides us in dealing with climate change related issues. Our intention as the government is to move our people out of shacks and build proper houses with better sanitation facilities. This means we must invest in technology to achieve this. We will also be monitoring the boards programme to ensure water security in this area. We have taken a decision to expand the scope of work of water boards in municipalities, and this will supplement the work of municipalities and not to take away their responsibilities".

The minister and her entourage were taken to the project site to get first-hand information and an explanation of the abstraction process from the sea to the plant.

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