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## Cloete to steer the ship of Lower Orange River CMA

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Northern Cape has appointed Mr Shaun Cloete as the new Manager for the Lower Orange Water Management Area (LOWMA) in the Upington Regional office.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Honours (BSc Hon) in Environmental Management from the University of South Africa (UNISA) and a National Diploma in Environmental Health from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

Before his appointment as Manager of the Lower Orange Water Management Area (LOWMA), Mr Cloete says he has thirteen (13) years of practical experience in the water resource management field in the Department of Water and Sanitation since he joined the department in 2008 as a Water Pollution Control Officer which was later translated to an Environmental Officer.

Mr Cloete has been instrumental in coordinating and facilitating the Lower Orange River Forum (LORF) activities in the Northern Cape. The Lower Orange River Forum serves as a strategic platform that enhances and strengthens collaboration between various water sectors, where they all come together as a collective, to share best practices, experiences and knowledge sharing on issues affecting them as water users in the Lower Orange River system.

“I have always felt duty bound to protect our water resources. It is just heart breaking to see our water resources being polluted, it is unacceptable to see raw sewage and other foreign substances being discharged into our river system. It is also criminal to see how water is being illegally abstracted out of our river system. As a collective, together with my team in the LOWMA, the DWS and all other water stakeholders are working hard to turn the situation around to ensure that we get rid of this kind of rot and crimes against our water resources”, he said.

As part of ensuring that our water is accounted for, it is significant to verify and validate if water users are using water according to license conditions, and to nip in the butt unregistered and unlawful water use so we can ensure water availability for new and emerging water users and address the Transformation Agenda of the Department.

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