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Construction of Tulbagh Bulk Water Supply Project progressing well

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The Department of Water and Sanitation in Western Cape, led by it Provincial Head, Ms Ntombizanele Bila-Mupariwa, visited the construction site of Tulbagh Bulk Water Supply Project to assess progress made to date.

The site visit undertaken on Wednesday, 16 March 2022, focused on Phase 1 of the project which entails the construction of a dam that will augment water supply to Witzenberg Local Municipality. This project funded through the Department's Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant at the cost of R43 million will see the dam yielding 1.2 megalitres of water. The last phase of the project, which involves the construction of the rising main and pump station is expected to be completed in June 2023.

Addressing the members of the media during the site visit, Provincial Head, Ms Bila-Mupariwa said her department is satisfied with the progress made to date.

"As of today, phase 1 of the project is progressing well at 40% and this makes us happy as the department, that we seem to be on track and within our expectations. The project is on time, on budget and approved specification", says Bila-Mupariwa.

She added that, the site visit was necessary to have as it afforded them with a chance to see progress first hand, emphasising that this is an important undertaking as they need to intervene should there be any problems encountered on site.

David Nasson, Municipal Manager at Witzenberg Local Municipality, expressed his excitement at the progress made on the project, adding that he is confident that the project will be finished on time.

Once the entire project is completed, it will enable the development of low-cost housing development Furthermore, the project will improve water security within the region. The project is also creating much-needed jobs during the construction phase, creating the desired socio-economic benefits.

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