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### Upgrading of Delmas Wastewater Treatment Works in Mpumalanga gets underway

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The Department of Water and Sanitation in Mpumalanga recently led a sod turning ceremony to mark the official beginning of the refurbishment and upgrading of the Delmas wastewater treatment works (WWTW).

The project entails increasing the Delmas wastewater treatment works capacity from 4.5 Ml/d to 12 Ml/d to cater for existing and future needs over a period of 20 years at a cost of close to R300 million over a period of 24 months.

Ms Mandisa Matiso from the Department outlined that the project will address the issue of the pollution of water resources. “The Department in partnership with Nkangala District has made a combined allocation of close to R300 million in order to intervene in the upgrade of the Delmas WWTW from 4ML to 12ML to address pollution caused by inadequate capacity of the works within the Bronkhorstspuit / Olifants catchment and also cater for future growth for the next 20 - 30-year horizon”, she said.

In her address, the Executive Mayor of Nkangala District Municipality, Cllr Leah Mabuza stated the importance of fully functional wastewater treatment plant and thanked the Department of Water and Sanitation for making funding available to ensure that the WWTW functions at optimal level.

“The people of Delmas, especially ward one (01) have been and are still complaining about this Plant, especially the foul smell coming from this plant. The Delmas WWTW is currently operating below capacity and the refurbishment will bring the much-needed relief of the stench,” she said.

Cllr Mabuza also added that the objective of the project is to have a fully functional wastewater treatment plant that meets the current and future demands.

“This WWTW is very critical to reducing pollution and protecting the environment, but it will also ensure sufficient treatment capacity to support future growth for the next period of twenty or more years. The estimated construction period for the project is 24 months”, she said.



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The Executive Mayor further outlined the socio-economic benefits of the project such as skills development and local economic development. She also requested the community not to disturb the construction so as to ensure that the project is completed within the 24 months.

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