



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### **DEPUTY PRESIDENT MASHATILE AND MINISTER MAJODINA HANDS OVER A 25 MEGALITER RESERVOIR TO MORETELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

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Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, Paul Mashatile was joined by the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina, and Deputy Minister David Mahlobor to hand over a 25megaliters reservoir to Moretele Local Municipality, in Bojanala District. The Deputy President was also accompanied by the North West Premier, Mr Lazarus Mokgosi and some of his Members of Executive Council, Executive Mayors of Moretele and Madibeng Municipalities, Mr George Manyike and Mr Douglas Maimane, the Magalies CEO, Mr Ofentse Nthutang and different traditional leaders and other stakeholders.

The reservoir is located in Diloppe village and is part of Department's Phase 3 Moretele South Bulk Water Supply Project.

The Department of Water and Sanitation through its Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) has funded the project, and appointed Magalies Water as the implementing agent to address water supply challenges to needy communities in the villages around Moretele.

The project will benefit villages like Mogogelo, Maubane, Makapanstad, Mathibestad, Carousel view, Danhouser, Bosplaas, Dertig, Hani view, Madinyane, Ga-Moeka and Ga-Motla through the south pipeline that will feed into various tertiary reservoirs.

Moretele South Bulk Water project is an extension of Moretele South Pipeline initiative, which sources water from the Klipdrift Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The Klipdrift WTP was upgraded to a capacity of 42ML/day, with the upgrade completed in December 2016. The newly constructed 25ML Command Reservoir plays a critical role in enhancing water supply reliability to several villages within the Moretele Local Municipality.

The 25ml Command Reservoir delivers 25 million litres of potable water per day through the Moretele South Pipeline. The distribution is facilitated via four off-take pipelines, with the following daily capacities: Carousel View Off-Take: 6ML/day, Bosplaas Off-Take: 12.1ML/day, Mogogelo Off-Take: 2.5ML/day, and Far West Off-Take: 5.1ML/day. These pipelines ensure reliable water supply to multiple villages across the Moretele Local Municipality.

During the official handing over of the reservoir, Deputy President Mashatile led the executive leadership to open the tap to prove that there is drinkable water.

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Minister Majodina said: “We just want to confirm that the water is clean and drinkable. 25 megalitres a day is pumped from this reservoir to benefit twelve villages. However, we are making an appeal the communities to stop illegal connections and protect the water infrastructure. Muunicipalities should monitor illegal connections and water leaks because water will not reach the deserving communities if they are not addressed. If there are leaks, they should be closed and the illegal connections should be disconnected. This will ensure sustainable water supply to all the beneficiary communities”

Deputy President Mashatile also reiterated the call made by the Minister. He said it is very important for people to receive clean drinkable water. “You saw us drinking water from the tap. This is a demonstration that we are leading by example. We are not giving people water that we don’t drink. The president has set a water task team which I’m leading with Minister Majodina and his Deputy Minister and other Ministers, Drector-Generals from various departments. We are going to make sure that there should be 99.9% of our people who have access to clean drinkable water in the country, and I’m talking reticulation not just bulk. Water must get to the communities”

After the official handing over of the reservoir the Deputy President Mashatile, Minister Majodina and the political entourage further went to plant trees at the Mogogelo community hall before addressing the community.

As the event marked the beginning of women’s month, Minister Majojodina and Deputy Minister Mahlobo handed out buckets and basins to members of the community.

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