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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2336

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2366. Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What steps has he and/or his department taken to resolve water provision services in the uMhlathuze Local Municipality, more specifically in (a) Esikhaleni, (b) Mandlankala, (c) KwaDlangezwa, (d) Ngwelezane Empangeni, (e) Richards Bay, (f) Macekane, (g) Mzingazi, (h) Port Dunford and (i) Madlanzini?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Mhlathuze Municipality has embarked on projects to address supply and demand challenges in and around the southern supply system which supplies the areas of Esikhaleni, Mandlakala, Port Dunford and Dlangezwa. The interventions are as follows:

- a) A business plan has been prepared to increase the capacity of Cubhu Water Treatment Works from 36Ml/d to 60Ml/d and construction of 1000mm diameter pipeline to Forest Reservoir.
- b) Reticulation project to Port Dunford, Ensimbini, Mcebisi, Nyembe and Ephayindini is scheduled to commence by January 2022 as soon as the construction permit is approved by department of labour.
- c) In Macekane the municipality has commenced with the construction of the reservoirs, bulk lines and reticulation to address water supply backlogs.
- d) The municipality has completed a 3MI reservoir in Macekane and is currently busy with the 5MI command reservoir, which is 38% towards completion.

- e) Construction of the bulk supply line from Hillview Reservoirs to Macekane and Hlaza is currently at 33% towards completion
- f) A second 25MI reservoir is planned for the Richards Bay Supply System to supplement water supply to Mandlanzini, Mzingazi and Richards Bay areas.

For the area of Empangeni, the Mhlathuze Municipality has a contract with the Mhlathuze Water which ensures that there is a stable supply.

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MS DEBORAH MOCHOTLHI ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL DATE: 02-12-2021

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

MR SENZO MCHUNU

MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE:

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