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Dear Stakeholder

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has commenced with the second phase of the Continuation of the Integrated Vaal River System Reconciliation Strategy towards the optimal planning of water resources in the Vaal River system.

The DWS has appointed the Batatise/UWP/WRP Joint Venture to undertake this three-year study which has commenced in December 2017.

The revival of the Study Steering Committee (SSC) which had its last meeting in June 2015 is an important component of the success of the study as the different Role-players are critical to the implementation of the Reconciliation Strategy.

The DWS would like to invite you to attend the first SSC meeting of this study and the first meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 27 February 2018

Time: 09:00 – 14:00

Venue: Motsweding Conference Room, 16th Floor, DWS Gauteng Regional Office, Bothongo Plaza East, 285 Francis Baard (Schoeman) Street, Pretoria

RSVP: Tuesday, 20 February 2018. Please email anelle@jaws.co.za with your response to this invitation.

The objective with the second phase of the continuation of the Integrated Vaal River System Reconciliation Strategy is to:

- Update and improve the Strategy to remain technically relevant through:
 - Technical assessments of aspects informing the water balance components and reconciliation interventions.
 - Engagements with relevant authorities involved in the water cycle to promote and enable the implementation of strategy actions.
 - Ensure the strategy is economically, environmentally viable as well as and socially acceptable.

The role of the SSC is to:

- Provide executive guidance to the direction and outcomes of the study;
- Make available supplementary information and input from a local and regional perspective;

- Facilitate strategic linkages with other initiatives;
- Disseminate information from study into the relevant organisations;
- Incorporate strategies' recommendations into development plans such as IDPs,etc;
- Ensure the implementation of the Strategy recommendations.

A draft agenda of the proposed SSC meeting and an Information Document to provide you with some Background Information is attached for your information. Further information will be tabled at the meeting for your convenience.

Should you not be able to attend the meeting, please nominate a representative from your organization to attend the meeting.

Should you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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We are looking forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,



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