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MEDIA ADVISORY

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE WAR ON LEAKS PROJECT LAUNCH

21 AUGUST 2015

Members of the media are invited to apply for accreditation for the War on Leaks Project Launch event.

During the 2015 State of the Nation Address, President Jacob Zuma announced that the government through the Department of Water and Sanitation will train 15 000 artisans, water agents and plumbers to fix leaking taps and pipes in their respective communities as part of promoting water conservation. The President was responding to a report that government loses about 36% of water which amounts to R7 billion annually.

Minister Nomvula Mokonyane appointed Rand Water to implement the War on Leaks project. It is expected to run over a five-year period whereby 15 000 unemployed youth will be trained within three disciplines, namely water agents, artisans and plumbers. This to ensure that South Africa's Water and Sanitation Sector will be equipped with a competent arsenal of skills and capacity to minimize water losses in the country.

The training will be done in phases:

Phase 1 – 3000 learners will be trained during 2015/2016

Phase 2 – 5000 learners will be trained during 2016/2017

Phase 3 – 7000 learners will be trained during 2017/2018

Details of the War on Leaks Project Launch are as follows

Date: Friday, 28 August 2015

Time: 09h00 till late

Venue: Dan Qeqe Stadium, Zwide in Port Elizabeth



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All media wishing to cover the event are requested to complete the attached accreditation template (fill in all columns) and forward it by **15h00 on Monday 24 August 2015** to the following people:

Zenzile Mandilakhe: EC Department of Water and Sanitation at 082 883 5293 / 043 604 5528 / zenzilem@dws.gov.za

Ratau Sputnik: Spokesperson for the department Water & Sanitation at 082 874 2942 / rataus@dws.gov.za

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Collection of accreditation for journalists who have RSVP'd will be as follows:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
27 August 2015	08h00 – 16h00	Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (Kwantu Towers-next to City Hall) 6th Floor or alternatively
28 August 2015	09h00 – 12h00	Dan Qeqe Stadium (Media Tent)

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