



## water & sanitation

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### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### **Minister Mokonyane to hand over R153 million water project.**

#### **Water shortages are a thing of the past for the communities of Colesberg in the Northern Cape**

07 October 2015

*The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Nomvula Mokonyane will officially hand over the R153 million Colesberg Bulk Water Supply Scheme to the Umsobomvu Local Municipality.*

*The project includes the construction of a 25 kilometer pipeline abstracting water from the Orange River to Colesberg, a new river abstraction works, a new pump station with complete civil, mechanical, electrical and electronic works, as well as the upgrading and extension of the existing Colesberg Water Treatment Works.*

*Before the implementation of the water project in Colesberg, the communities of Colesberg, Noupoort and Norvalspont experienced water shortages almost every day and in some instances had to fetch water from dams. Others complained of dirty water coming out of their taps.*

*According to the Minister Mokonyane “government will respond to water shortages and ensure that people have clean water in their communities. Water and sanitation are placed high on government’s agenda”.*

*The main aim of this Scheme is to eradicate any existing water backlogs and to ensure sustainable water services to all of the approximately 4,773 households accommodating 17,259 persons in the municipal jurisdiction of Colesberg at least until 2030.*

*It is estimated that 77% of all the people living in the Umsobomvu Municipal area are indigents.*

*Media are invited as follows:*

**Date: 16 October 2015**

**Time: 10:00**

**Venue: Colesberg Sports Grounds**

**End.**

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