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Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Department of Water and Sanitation to host a Traditional Cleansing Ceremony and unveil a monument as compensation to the community of Jozini affected by the construction of the Pongolapoort Dam

The Department of Water and Sanitation will host a traditional cleansing ceremony and unveil a monument as compensation to the community of Jozini that was affected by the construction of the Pongolapoort Dam from 28 – 30 April 2016.

The Pongolapoort Dam was constructed in 1973 on the uPhongolo River that flows between the Lebombo mountains. The people that lived along the river banks were moved persuasively with their departed loved ones left behind. As years passed, the Pongolapoort Dam increased in size and covered the graves. The community is therefore distressed about the graves that were not properly exhumed.

The department will be hosting a two day cleansing ceremony and unveil a monument to provide closure to the community of Jozini.

The media is invited as follows on the following proceedings:

Ritual Performance:

Date: 28 April 2016

Time: 14h00

Venue: Pongolapoort Dam - Affected families and faith healers to perform the rituals on the banks

Unveiling of the Monument:

Date: 29 April 2016

Time: 08h00

Venue: South entrance of Pongolapoort Dam

Imbizo Public Participation Programme:

Date: 30 April 2016

Time: 10h00

Venue: Ezibukweni Sports Field

For media confirmations please contact Mbali Mahaye 082 601 5674/ 031 336 2929/
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NB: Transport for the media will be provided.

Pick-up point: Durban Play House (Anton Lembede Street /Smith Street)

Time: 08h00

Date: 28-29 April 2016

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