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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION TO HAND OVER R35 MILLION WATER PROJECT TO THE COMMUNITY OF HOPETOWN, THEMBELIHLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE

1 December 2014

The Minister of Water and Sanitation Ms Nomvula Mokonyane will hand over a R35 million water treatment works project to the community of Hopetown.

The project has ensured that approximately 2 565 households or about 13 591 people (according to Statistics South Africa Census 2011) now have access to clean drinking and sustainable water.

The Hopetown Water Purification Plant, which is providing water to Hopetown and Steynville, previously had a capacity of 226 m³/hr, or 4.5Ml/day at 20 hours' operation day.

The plant's capacity has now been increased to 280m³/hr or 5.6Ml/day for a 20 hour operation day, and now provides good quality water to these communities.

Since the completion of the water treatment works project in the Thembelihle Local Municipality, there has been a significant drop in complaints received from Hopetown through the Presidential Hotline and the Department of Water and Sanitation's Toll Free line.

Thembelihle Local Municipality (LM) is a Category B municipality, established in 2001 in accordance with the demarcation process. The Thembelihle LM has a population of approximately 15 701 people, the majority of which reside in the Hopetown area. The average household size in the Thembelihle LM is 3.7 persons per household.

All media are invited to attend as follows:

Date: 05, Friday, December 2014

Venue: Hopetown Stadium

Time: 10:00

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