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### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### **There is finally hope for the residents of Hopetown**

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*Water scarcity will be a thing of the past for the communities of Thembelihle Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. This comes after the Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane today, 05 December 2014 launched the Hopetown Water Treatment Works in Hopetown, Northern Cape.*

*The project which entailed the upgrade of the existing Water Treatment Works by increasing the capacity was to ensure good quality potable water from the tap for the communities of Hopetown and Steynville.*

*Minister Mokonyane said that this initiative will enrich the lives of the communities in and around Hopetown who previously relied mainly on water supply from boreholes and the relatively low rainfall. She went on to say that the plant will present less interruption and more sustainability in the water supply. "Increased capacity will meet the demand of the growing population and number of households in the area".*

*Northern Cape Premier Ms. Sylvia Lucas could not stop singing the department's praises as she commended their constant assistance to the local municipalities as far as matters of water and sanitation are concerned. "We express our sincere gratitude towards the national department for supporting local municipalities and ensuring that they overcome their water and sanitation challenges". She added that the Thembelihle Local Municipality which is situated at the heart of the Karoo is mostly an agricultural landscape and the refurbished treatment plant will go a long way in ensuring the success of the area's agricultural practices.*

*Brendan De Beer, a resident from the neighbouring Strydomburg town, excitedly said that he was more than happy to see the department and government delivering on their promises of safe drinking water for all. "It's good to see our leaders coming to ensure that there is progress in the projects aimed at service delivery"*

*Addressing the residents of Hopetown, Minister Mokonyane emphasized that it was important that the department launched the project on the day the nation was commemorating the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the sad passing of our former president Nelson Mandela. “It is important that we continue with his legacy by ensuring that people of South Africa have full access to clean water, that is what he would have wanted and that what is what he fought for”. She further quoted the world icon by saying, “All over the world, water is regarded as precious as life itself”.*

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