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Minister Mokonyane gives the Bloemwater Conduit Hydropower the green light

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The state of South African energy and water supply will never be the same after Minister of Water and Sanitation; Nomvula Mokonyane officially launched the first ever Conduit Hydropower in the country. Mokonyane cut the ribbon during an event held at the Bloemwater offices in Brandkop, Bloemfontein on Tuesday, 31 March 2015.

Minister Mokonyane couldn't hide her enthusiasm as she highlighted how the new innovative technology will change the lives of South Africans for the better as far as water and energy supply is concerned. "We are all here to witness the beginning of greater things, such exciting innovations through extraordinary partnerships are what keeps South Africa going forward" the Minister gushed.

This new technology will enable the generation of onsite hydroelectricity through the extraction of available energy from newly installed and existing water supply and distribution systems at a low cost. Minister Mokonyane reckons that this innovation will go a long way in assisting municipalities, water utilities and mines with service delivery backlogs and reduce dependency. "Energy and water intertwine, and this is indeed an extraordinary collaborative effort and one that all South Africans should celebrate"

Free State Province Premier, Mr Ace Magashule, who was also present during the proceedings, expressed his gratitude towards the organisations involved in the partnership. "Collectiveness brings success" he said. He went on to say that the Free State Provincial Government will ensure that implementation commences right away.

Minister Mokonyane also pointed out, that it is of great importance that people with innovation skills transfer the knowledge and invest in the youth. She reckons that way; there will be everlasting solution to problems that require technological solutions. The statement was met with cheers and nods from those present during the event.

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