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#### **Excitement and joy at pongolapoort Dam Bulk water supply scheme launch**

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There were scenes of joy and excitement from eager residents of Jozini in KZN who witnessed a launch of the water supply in the area. As early as in the morning of Friday, 29 August 2014 hoarders of residents walked in illation towards a site where Minister Nomvula Mokonyane, Premier of KZN, Senzo Mchunu and dignitaries including mayors and councillors from the Jozini Municipality under UMakhanyakude district municipality were to launch the water supply to local residents.

Most of the people were unanimous in supporting and welcoming the project. Many believe that the accessibility of water in this area will definitely transform the economy of South Africa and their lives. The area, which is said to experience the economic boom through the water supply is called Jozini to Ingwavuma project. It forms part of the project which has a comprehensive feasibility study that was completed in 2009.

The communities were eagerly awaiting the completion of the project as the supply of portable water to the area had become erratic. Also, the unacceptable condition of the Waste water treatment works , which is located just below the town of Jozini was also a concern to the communities as it appeared to be a health hazard.

The project starts from South of Jozini to the Mozambique border in the North. The Western boundary of this area was formed by the Pongolapoort Dam and Swaziland border and the eastern boundary is formed by the Pongola River to the south and the boundaries if the Shemuka Water supply scheme to the north.

The primary focus of the above mentioned project is to supply potable water to rural communities within the Jozini LM located in the uMkhanyakude district municipality. The project aims to increase the production of potable water and to install bulk water and reticulation networks in the area.

The purpose of the project is to ultimately supply potable water to a population of 134 864 people (approximately 16,200 households).

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