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Face to Face with Mike Gert Beukes

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Mike Gert Beukes is a 51 year old married man and a father of 3 daughters. He is an employee of the Department of Water and Sanitation under the Hydrology Section.

“I started working for the department in 1985 but then I was unfortunately retrenched in 1992”, said Beukes. “Luckily for me I was re-employed in 1996 and proud to say I have been at the department till the present moment. I am employed at Vanderkloof Dam and have been working there for 20 years now,” he said.

Mike’s job includes amongst other things maintenance work of the Upper Orange gauging stations and takes his responsibility very seriously. “I make sure that gauging stations are clean and neat for inspections and this enables my seniors to do their jobs properly and also for our own safety,” he said.

He enjoys working with people outside the department and also enjoys travelling as he gets to experience a lot in the field. He also enjoys the understanding and communication that he experiences amongst workers in the field.

Asked what advice he would give to those who want to be like him he replied: “Always be friendly to others and be a good listener and always make time for them, so that they can see you care,” he concluded.

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