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KwaZulu-Natal Launches Lower Tugela Bulk Water Supply Scheme

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Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane and MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in KwaZulu-Natal, Nomusa Dube-Ncube officially launched the Lower Tugela Bulk Water Supply Scheme on Tuesday 22 March at Ncedomhlophe Stadium in Mandeni.

Water security remains a concern in the province as the current drought continues. However, residents in the iLembe District Municipality will breathe a sigh of relief as the Lower Tugela Bulk Water Supply Scheme will provide the community with a stable and efficient supply of water. Residents in these areas relied on boreholes, rivers and water troughs for their water supply, posing a health risk.

The R1.32 billion water project that is funded by the Department of Water and Sanitation and Umgeni Water. It will supply areas of iLembe District Municipality from Mandeni to Ballito, and all major settlements in-between which include KwaDukuza and Groutville. On completion, the scheme will reach a total of 750 000 inhabitants, including the population of 209 859 indigent people.

The project includes infrastructure required to abstract and treat water from the uThukela River to supply to secondary bulk and reticulation networks within the iLembe District Municipality.

Minister Mokonyane said the department is going to bring forward all plans to bring water from the scheme and show how best to accelerate the project working hand in hand with Umgeni Water. Phase 1 of the project is about 95% complete. The last part of the contract is expected to be completed in September 2016.

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