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MBOMBELA TO BENEFIT FROM HOXANE EXTENSION

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The Nsikazi North areas of Mbombela Local Municipality will greatly benefit in terms of water supply from the extension of the Hoxane Water Treatment Works. The extension project is funded by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG). The extension project commenced in March 2015 and there completion date is set for around June 2017.

The project entails the construction of three new modules to extend the Hoxane Water Treatment Works from five purification modules to eight modules. Currently module 6, 7 and 8 are under construction. The extension project is aimed at increasing the quantity of potable water produced from 45 megalitres to 72 megalitres per day. The project scope includes the construction of civil works, supply and installation of mechanical, electrical and instrumentation equipment for modules 6, 7 and 8.

The Nsikazi North areas will benefit from an additional 27 megalitres per day from the additional three modules under construction. Each module is designed to produce 9 megalitres per day.

In terms of beneficiaries, about 49 633 households or 317 655 people around Nsikazi North in Mbombela Local Municipality will benefit in terms of potable water supply.

On job opportunities, 47 jobs have been created. Half the people employed come from Mbombela Local Municipality and the other half comes from around the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality.

The project is currently progressing well and communities are encouraged to take care of all water and sanitation infrastructure to ensure that government concentrates on addressing the infrastructure backlogs in other needy areas.

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