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MINISTER MOKONYANE HANDS OVER THE PAARL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT TO DRANKENSTEIN LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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Minister Nomvula Mokonyane on Tuesday, 15 November 2016 handed over the newly upgraded and standard compliant Paarl Waste Water treatment Plant to the Drakenstein Local Municipality.

This project, which is not less than R200 million, demonstrated the partnership between the municipality and the department to provide clean water and access to dignified sanitation to the community.

“We jointly invested no less than R200 million in upgrading this sewer scheme which has also helped in reducing the number of people who do not have access to dignified sanitation,” said Minister Mokonyane.

The project was conducted in two phases, the first being the upgrading necessary to improve the quality of the effluent to meet the desired standards and to ensure that the plant has the capacity to treat 17,5 M³/d of water. The second phase was to expand the capacity to 35 M³/d in order to provide additional treatment capacity.

The sewer scheme provided a total of 93 jobs during the construction phase of the project and in addition will improve the quality of water to the residents of Drakenstein Local Municipality.

As part of the launch Minister Mokonyane accompanied by the Acting Mayor of the Drakenstein Municipality, Cllr Jacques Carstens conducted house visits at the Mbekweni community to encourage efficient water use. .

Speaking to the homeowners Minister Mokonyane emphasised the importance of using water wisely, paying for water services, reporting water leaks and the empowerment of women in the water sector.

A public participation programme preceded the house visits, where Minister Mokonyane addressed the community and emphasized that government is committed to serving the people and creating an enabling environment for job creation through various projects by the department and the municipality.

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