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#### **Minister Mokonyane to launch raising of Clanwilliam Dam Water Project**

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*The Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, will launch the raising of Clanwilliam Dam Water Project in Clanwilliam, Western Cape, on Friday 13 February 2015.*

*The event will take place at the Augsburg Sports Ground, Clanwilliam, in the Western Cape Province.*

*Proceedings will start at 09h00 until 14h00.*

*During the launch, Minister Mokonyane will also make due pronouncements regarding Department of Water and Sanitation interventions in the West Coast area.*

*Clanwilliam Dam is situated on the Olifants River near the town of Clanwilliam, which is within the Cederberg Municipality in the Western Cape Province. The dam was originally built in 1935 and was later raised by 6 metres to its current level in 1969 to provide for an increasing irrigation demand. In recent years, the Lower Olifants River Water Users Association (WUA) requested the then Department of Water Affairs to investigate the feasibility of raising the dam in conjunction with the rehabilitation of the dam wall.*

*Raising the full supply level will increase the storage capacity and yield of the dam and improve water availability, which is currently considered inadequate for the high value crops produced through the scheme.*

*A further purpose for the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam is to restore the safety of the dam, to improve assurance of supply, provide for the ecological reserve (in-stream flow requirements).*

*The other purpose is to provide for additional allocation to resource poor farmers as the dam is currently over committed. The additional yield resulting from a 13 m raising was assessed at 69, 5 million m<sup>3</sup> per annum.*

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