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NEW MEGA WATER BOARD ON THE CARDS FOR KWAZULU-NATAL

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On 29 and 30 October 2015, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Minister Nomvula Mokonyane met with staff members of the Mhlathuze and Umgeni Water Boards to discuss the establishment of a single mega water board for the KZN Province.

Presently the two water boards are operating independently in the Province with each focused on different municipalities. Umgeni Water serves 2 million households with a population of 7.9 million people, whilst Mhlathuze covers approximately 500 000 households with a population of 2.3 million people.

The idea behind the creation of a single water board includes achieving economies of scale by improving efficiency, maintaining financial viability and enhancing the ability to raise capital from the market for infrastructure projects. This transition will also reposition DWS and the entities to deliver services as a capable state; while also affording the new mega water entity an opportunity for transformation.

Minister Mokonyane assured staff members that this change will not result in job cuts or retrenchments. She noted that the repositioning of professionals according to capacity and strength will take place in order to ensure the proper functioning of the new mega water board.

“This development will move water and sanitation provision in KZN to greater heights” Mokonyane said in conclusion.

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