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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### PLAN TO DELIVER WATER IN MPUMALANGA IS UNDERWAY

The delivery of water to various communities in Mpumalanga is at an advanced stage following the commissioning of 9 steel water projects. The projects have been commissioned in three local municipalities, namely:

- Mbombela
- Nkomazi
- Bushbuckridge.

The commissioning of the water projects is in line with the provincial government's commitment to reduce the shortage of water in Mpumalanga. This was reiterated by MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Hon. Refilwe Mtshweni when tabling the Policy and Budget speech last year. She said: "In this new Administration, we have re-committed ourselves to provide water to all our communities, as expressed in the five key priorities. The improvement of the bulk water and sanitation infrastructure shall be one of the focus areas of the department," Mtshweni said.

In Mbombela, three steel water reservoirs have been installed, in the following areas:

- Phola village near Hazyview.
- Matsulu
- Ka-Shabalala.

In Phola village, the department installed two reservoirs each with a capacity of 750 mega litres. In Nkomazi, a 2 mega-litre reservoir has been installed to augment the supply of water for communities at Mangweni, while a similar reservoir with the same capacity has been installed in Steenbok.

In Bushbuckridge, three steel water tanks have been installed as part of the intervention. The projects are in Cunningmor B, Thusanang and Casteel.

The water interventions are in line with the National Development Plan (NDP) which seeks to provide water to all residents by 2030.

MEC Mtshweni appealed to the residents where the steel water tanks have been installed to protect the infrastructure.

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