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**WATER SHORTAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT SPECIFICALLY IN HUHUDI TOWNSHIP**

The District Municipality notes with grave concern that it has been years since Naledi local municipality communities, Huhudi township and other municipal areas within Dr.Ruth.Segomotsi Mompoti district have been experiencing severe water crisis. There are critical factors that contributes to this water crisis, amongst others is the lack of appropriate capacity by Vaal Harts Water Canal Scheme to provide Greater Taung local municipality and Naledi local Municipality with bulk water due to the 2011 Taung bulk water supply project that is marred with challenges emanating from tribal battles over landownership as well as the ownership of Taung Dam.

In fact, thus stalling the project that should fast track a permanent solution to bulk water supply and distribution water to needy areas in the district more especially some areas in Taung and the broader Naledi Local Municipality including Huhudi Township. We are further confronted with unfortunate natural phenomena of low underground water supply due to inadequate rainfall experienced in our district. The District Municipality remains committed in fulfilling its constitutional obligation of providing clean accessible quality water to our people as a matter of constitutional obligation on our part and a matter of constitutional right to our citizens .The dawn of extremely hot summer season has exacerbated the need for water by our communities who have been experiencing abnormal scorching hot temperatures due to climate change and this led to increased consumer demand for water from citizens thereby resulting into

more delivery complications from the District Municipality whose delivery capacity has been hamstrung by infrastructural challenges. It should be noted that Huhudi location is supplied by water through 20 boreholes via Edwin Franklyn storage which supplies Vryburg, Kismet and Coleridge. The over usage or reliance on these boreholes also creates an operational & maintenance challenges as they are not given time to recharge and this pose current and future threats to our water resources. The Naledi Local Municipality is provided with bulk water supply from the Pudimoe purification plant which is supplied by Vaalharts Water Canal Scheme from the Vaal River.

The purified potable water from Pudimoe Water Purification Works supply not only Vryburg Cluster, but also surrounding towns like Pudimoe, Taung and others including the farmers along the canal route from Hartswater to Vryburg. The raw water received from this scheme has been insufficient for all the users due to a small size of the canal which mostly runs at full capacity. Infrastructural challenges posed a major challenge to Naledi Municipality mainly because Huhudi Township is supplied mainly through this scheme and the growing number of consumers through the Human Settlement projects in Extension 25 & 28 in Huhudi has deepened the crisis with high and expanded demand for water while the supply is very low.

The District Municipality as the Water Services Authority in all the areas under its jurisdiction including Naledi Local Municipality provides water services to the towns in the Naledi Municipal area and it has appointed Sedibeng water as the implementing agency. According to the all town reconciliation strategy report (DWA, 2011), Vryburg's water use in 2011 was estimated at 3.580 million m<sup>3</sup>/a (9.808 Mℓ/d). With a then (2011) population of 33 165 people, Vryburg's per capita water use of 296 ℓ/c/d is excessive in comparison with the benchmark level of 189 ℓ/c/d, which is based on the demographic profile for the town. The District Municipality together with Naledi local municipality and Sedibeng Water is implementing an immediate solution by increasing the number of boreholes to increase underground water usage that will increase

water in reservoirs and monitor water distribution programs to mitigate skewed water delivery to communities whereby Vryburg town and Vryburg industrial site will have water while there is no water in Huhudi location. The District Municipality is currently in discussions with both the Provincial and National Government to assist in resolving the water crisis. As a caring Peoples Government, we regret the current crisis our peoples are going through, and we commit to our people that their elected government is spending sleepless nights to ensure that our people can enjoy their constitutional right to water and further ensure that their livelihood is enhanced through regular uninterrupted supply of water.

We deeply apologise to all water needy communities in our District Municipality and we assure all our communities that with our commitment and zeal working with relevant stakeholders with expertise in water supply industry, we are doing everything under complex and difficult circumstances to provide permanent solution to this water crisis. We therefore humble ourselves before our citizens and appeal for their patience whilst we sought a permanent solution to this water impasse.

*NB: Members of the public are requested to use water sparingly and to report any water leaks that might have happened as well as vandalism in order to assist the municipality on provision and supply of clean water to all.*

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