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**PUBLIC NOTICE: UPDATE ON WATER SHORTAGES DUE TO DAMAGED PUMP AT WWTW.**

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The Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality is aware of the water shortage currently being experienced at all areas supplied by the Weltevreden Water Treatments Works (WWTW) and would like to give an update on the matter. The water shortages are as a result of the broken or damaged water infrastructure (main pump at the WWTW's raw water abstraction pump station) which resulted in widespread disruptions to water supply to areas supplied by the WWTW.

The Municipality is currently operating on one small pump unable to pump to the full capacity, pumping less (**28 ML/D**) of what we usually pump, this causes water to be mainly received by those located at the low-lying areas and the hardest hit areas are those at the high-lying areas.

The repairs are currently underway but as badly damaged pump is one of the big pumps, it will take longer to be fixed and repaired (approximately further 10 days). It is envisaged that water will be restored by 30 August 2024. In the meantime, as we do not have adequate water supply, the water tankers have been arranged to supply the affected communities through communal water tankers.

In addition to the damaged pump, the WWTW is affected by the implementation of the electricity load reduction, which has a negative impact on the water supply to can pump to the full capacity, losing 16 hours of pumping per week. The pump stations are reliant on electricity for pumping and purifying water, this results with our reservoirs water level remaining low.

The water services maintenance team is working round the clock to ensure that the badly damaged pump is fixed and water is restored to the communities. The Municipality apologises for the inconvenience caused by the water shortages and cautioned those residing at the low-lying areas to use water sparingly.

Issued by the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality