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SUBJECT: WATER RESTRICTIONS IN THE MOPANI DISTRICT

The Mopani District Municipality Special Council Sitting has approved the imposing of water restrictions across the five local municipalities due to low dam levels. The levels of most dams are significantly lower as compared to the same time last year. The most affected dams that are supplying water to our communities are Middle Letaba Dam which is at 7.9%, Modjadji Dam 8.10%, Nsami Dam 28.9, Tours Dam 28.70 and Tzaneen Dam is at 20.8. Thapane Dam in the Greater Tzaneen Municipal area is completely dry.

Expert forecasts regarding the summer rainfall are not favourable from mid-summer onwards, given the likelihood of the development of El-Niño conditions. Council has called for heightened awareness on responsible water usage, hence we are urging our communities to use water sparingly while other means of rescuing the situation are being sought by the District Municipality.

Issued by the District's Communications Unit. For more information, kindly contact Spokesperson Witness Tiva on 071 2492 178 or 015 811 6300.

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