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Lepelle Northern Water's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer

Lepelle Northern Water (LNW) is excited to announce that its newly appointed Chief Executive, Dr Cornelius Ruiters, has assumed office today.

Dr Ruiters, who has extensive experience in the water sector and is acquainted with water governance in Limpopo, boasts a career that spans the academic, government and private sectors at operational, senior, and executive management levels. Dr Ruiters holds a PhD in natural science and a PhD in civil engineering (water engineering).

In welcoming him to the organisation LNW's Board Chairperson, Dr Nndweleni Mphephu, expressed excitement over the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer of the calibre of Dr Ruiters. He indicated that the appointment was in line with the objective of capacitating LNW. He expressed the conviction that Dr Ruiters would contribute immensely to the organisation and that his experience would assist to complete outstanding projects, which would be considered his priority. Dr Mphephu added that the LNW Board would support Dr Ruiters to ensure a new era for LNW.

In turn Dr Ruiters referred to the task ahead, emphasising the importance of making LNW sustainable and viable, focusing on strengthening governance and taking the organisation forward, engaging stakeholders on their mandates and the role of LNW, executing the

Constitutional mandate of delivering bulk water to the people of a water-stressed province as well as addressing the challenges related to infrastructure.

He expressed excitement over having been entrusted with the responsibility and mentioned that he had worked in Limpopo for an extended period, immensely contributing to the delivery of basic services.

Dr Ruiters concluded saying that LNW had a major role to play in a water-scarce province to help ensure the development of Limpopo in terms of the delivery of water-related services.

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