



Media statement

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LNW celebrates major milestone

Lepelle Northern Water's (LNW) Board, Executive Committee and employees have reason to celebrate a major milestone in the history of the organisation as the Nandoni-Nsami Bulk Water Pipeline Project has reached practical completion.

The pressing of a button signified the release of a welcome water gush through the 40,5 km pipeline to deliver the life-sustaining resource to the people of Giyani.

LNW's Board Chairperson, Dr Nndweleni Mphephu hailed the completion of the project as a major milestone on the path of renewal that LNW had embarked on little over two years ago when the new board was instated.

"It indicates that LNW is a focused and transformed entity, boasting an image that has been cleaned up by a formidable team built up over the past two years. For the first time since the completion of Nandoni Dam in 2004 water has reached Nsami Dam to augment water supply in Giyani. The water will be treated at Nsami Water Treatment Works for reticulation to Giyani communities."

According to Dr Mphephu, LNW business principles of reliability, collaboration and accountability have been demonstrated through the completion of this project.

Dr Mphephu commended the entire team of project managers, engineers and contractors for jointly working hard towards completion of the project. He also lauded the Minister of Water and

Sanitation, Mr Senzo Mchunu for his exceptional leadership, guidance, and dedication in steering the project towards completion and thanked the entire department for the immeasurable support. Dr Mphephu further emphasised that it would have been impossible to achieve this project without the support and leadership provided by LNW's Board and the strong organisational team responsible for the project. He also remarked that the experience would assist in the implementation of Olifantspoort/Ebenezer Scheme Upgrade Project, the largest undertaking by LNW thus far.

LNW's CEO, Dr Cornelius Ruiters said, "This is one of our greatest moments. Having encountered several speed bumps along the way, the issues were ironed out for the successful completion of the work and today we are proud to be contributing to the mandate of the government in providing bulk raw water to the people of Giyani, Limpopo and South Africa through this project."

He extended gratitude towards the technical team, the engineers and contractors who jointly worked with LNW to successfully deliver the project. He concluded by saying that LNW would still monitor operations during the liability period.

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Summary of scope of work

- The project budget upon completion is R768 million, exclusive of VAT.
- Practical completion of the pipeline was recorded on 31 August 2023 with commissioning in progress, followed by the defects liability period of 12 months to commence once all snags have been attended to by the contractor.
- The project entailed construction of two bulk water pipelines (500 mm and 800 mm in diameter) to provide water to Giyani and the greater Malamulele areas; as well as the upgrade of the existing pump station at Nandoni Water Treatment Plant for bulk raw water transfer to Nsami Canal.
- The total extent of the pipeline includes both the 500 mm diameter pipeline supplying water to the Giyani area and the 800 mm diameter pipeline and its tributaries supplying water to Malamulele and surrounds.

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