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## **TO ALL MEDIA/NEWS EDITORS**

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## **AMATOLA WATER'S PROGRESS AND COMMITMENT IN MAKANA MUNICIPALITY**

At a stakeholder engagement meeting held today at the Makhanda City Hall, the Amatola Water (AW), led by the Board Chairperson, Pam Yako, and the Speaker of Makana Municipality, Mthuthuzeli Matyumza, addressed the community and stakeholders regarding the progress being made to improve water supply in the Makana Municipality.

Amatola Water is pleased to announce that significant strides have been achieved.

“We are going to restore the water supply services of the residents of Makana Municipality. As of Monday, 24 July 2023, we can bring up to 18 megalitres to the city daily, effectively meeting the current water demand,” says Ms Yako.

Moreover, Amatola Water is making steady progress in our efforts to enhance the water infrastructure in the region. The work at James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works is on track and is expected to be completed by 30 August 2023. This completion will augment the current demand and create a spare capacity of 10 megalitres per day, resulting in a total supply of 28 mega-litres per day to Makana Municipality.

Amatola Water remains steadfast in supporting the Municipality and its residents throughout this endeavour. Amatola Water teams have been working tirelessly to restore treatment capacities and are pleased to report that the intervention is already yielding desired results.

Addressing the concern raised by the community regarding water leaks, AW acknowledged the issue and undertook to address the concern in collaboration with the Water and Sanitation department and the municipality.

In response to the community's request for better communication, the water entity acknowledges the necessity of regular updates. To this end, Amatola Water commits to communicating with the community regularly, with updates every two weeks, to enable better planning and minimise disruptions.

Furthermore, Amatola Water takes the matter of accountability seriously. The Municipal Manager, Pumelelo Kate and the acting CEO of Amatola Water, Siyabulela Koyo, have been tasked to meet weekly to update each other on progress and address any challenges promptly.

In conclusion, Amatola Water remains focused on taking incremental action to provide a sustainable and reliable long-term solution to the people of Makana Municipality. Amatola Water is grateful for the community's understanding and support throughout this process.

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