



Media Statement

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To: All Media

Cable Theft Compromises Bulk Water Supply to Community of Christiana

Magalies Water regrets the aftermath of a criminal incident, wherein the theft of electrical cables supplying power to the raw water pumpstation intake at Christiana in the Lekwa-Teemane local municipality (Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District), left the community of Christiana inconvenienced and bearing the brunt of the unavailability of potable water in the region. We condemn with the strongest terms, this act of sabotage which has led to community members taking to the streets to express their anger. We encourage community members who may have information relating to this incident to report it to the law enforcement agencies for the full might of the law to take place.

Any act of vandalism or damage to critical infrastructure, reverses all the gains of ensuring that communities continue to receive potable water as espoused in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Water Services Act (No.108 of 1997).

The stolen cable is not stocked material and because it was not immediately available this caused regrettable delays. These delays were further compounded by the closure of our suppliers for the festive season break. However, through cooperation with the local municipality, the cable has been sourced and our technical teams are currently on site installing the cable. It is critical to indicate that, this material by design does not have a shorter life span or prone to regular impairments.

Due to the nature of the repair work which has been undertaken, it is envisaged that completion for repairs will be concluded later this evening. It is expected that operations will normalize thereafter. We sincerely apologize to the affected community due to this unforeseen incident and strongly encourage

the community as a stakeholder to assist in ridding itself of criminal elements which causes unnecessary service interruptions which have detrimental effects on the availability of water.

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