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Media Statement

Kagisano-Molopo Water Supply Challenges, Impacted by Extended Periods of Electricity Outages Due to Load-Shedding

Magalies Water has noted with concern the events which led to a community protest within the Kagisano-Molopo municipal jurisdiction as a result of reduced water supply. The spike in the water demand in the area, was aggravated by the frequent electricity outages, which are as result of the on-going rolling blackouts which have been alternated between stage 4 and stage 6 respectively.

Regrettably the water supply scheme, which is borehole based, is solely reliant on the availability of electricity. For communities to receive adequate water supply, the boreholes need to be operational for at least fifteen hours (15) without electricity supply interruptions. In the event load-shedding is implemented within the minimum hours of operation where capacity is being built for water supply, the system will run out of potable water which will result in no supply, until electricity supply is restored.

Magalies Water has engaged the Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality as the water services authority of the impact of load-shedding and its impact on its operations. However, over the last two (03) days the situation has improved. Working together with the district municipality we will be monitoring this situation closely and implore upon communities to use water sparingly in order to mitigate the effects of non-supply of water due to the aforementioned challenges.

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