



Media Statement

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Magalies Water Chief Executive Mr. Sandile Mkhize Receives Cabinet Nod, Heralding a New Era for the Expanded Water Board

North West Head-Quartered water utility – Magalies Water, is pleased to announce the approval by cabinet of the extension of Mr. Sandile Mkhize’s employment contract as its Chief Executive. This followed a recent cabinet resolution to have the accounting officer’s term of office extended by another five (5) years. Mkhize joined Magalies Water in 2014 and has held numerous positions previously including General Manager: Water Services, and Chief Operations Officer.

Board Chairperson Dr. Lydia Sebege said, the Board was pleased with cabinet’s decision for a number of reasons which includes among others stability in the top echelons of the executive, which is critical to business continuity, she continued “It is common course, that our organization has just come out of a sensitive and a difficult period, which came as a result of the disestablishment of the now erstwhile Sedibeng Water. Our biggest challenge has been managing the transition key to which, was the consolidation of assets and liabilities, which have been duly transferred to us. As such while a lot of work still lay ahead, the appointment of any person to this position required an agile and experienced appointee who knows the sector, and the peculiar challenges which Magalies Water is faced with, in becoming profitable and sustainable” she concluded.

The KwaZulu Natal born engineer has a number of qualifications including:

- MBA (Milpark Business School)
- MTech Environmental Biotechnology (Durban University of Technology)
- Management Advancement Programme (Wits Business School)

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- BSc Chemistry and Microbiology (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
- BTech Biotechnology (Durban University of Technology)
- Senior Executive Programme (Harvard Business School)
- Diploma in Advanced Project Management (Damelin)

Mkhize said he was humbled by the vote of confidence bestowed on him by government's highest decision-making authority "This is nothing short of an honour. The water sector has been experiencing numerous challenges, and we have been to make significant progress in addressing water supply issues in our area of operation. Our biggest task, is to close rank with all stakeholders from the private sector as well as across all levels of government to ensure that we fast track our plans in ensuring that communities and all facets of the economy continue to receive the highest quality of potable water, as prescribed by the Constitution of the Republic and the Water Services Act" he ended.

Following the disestablishment of Sedibeng Water by the Ministry of Water and Sanitation last year, Magalies Water currently operates in the Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Ngaka Modiri Molema district municipalities as part of the transferred responsibilities of the now erstwhile Sedibeng Water, which was previously servicing the two districts as part of its North West operations.

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