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MEDIA STATEMENT

POWER FAILURE AFFECTS RAND WATER'S PALMIET PUMPING STATION

Rand Water's Palmiet Pumping station experienced a power trip on Tuesday, 07 February 2023 at 15h35. The station supplies 40% of Rand Water's total capacity and has had to be completely shut down in order to find fault. Eskom team is still on the ground doing fault finding. Once the fault has been identified and isolated, Rand Water will gradually start the pumps. It will take a minimum of three (3) hours to get Palmiet pumping station back to full capacity after restart.

The power failure at the Palmiet Pumping station will affect the following reservoirs: Klipriviersberg, Northridge, Germiston, Klipfontein, Brakfontein and Hartebeeshoek. Some parts of the three Metropolitan municipalities, namely City of Johannesburg, City of Ekurhuleni and City of Tshwane might be affected. Therefore, to avoid the intermittent water supply, consumers are advised to use water sparingly.

Rand Water is in constant discussions around the impact of loadshedding and we hope that a sustainable solution will be found soon.

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