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MEDIA STATEMENT

VANDALISM AFFECTING SUPPLY TO PALMIET AND MAPLETON BOOSTER STATIONS

On Wednesday, 22 February 2023 Rand Water's pipeline that supplies water to its Palmiet and Mapleton Booster Stations was vandalised. The incident has resulted in the damage of a meter supplying Eden Park township in the City of Ekurhuleni.

The situation has compelled Rand Water to conduct an emergency shutdown to replace the valves. The incident affected 52% of pumping water at the Palmiet Booster Pumping Station and 27% at the Mapleton Booster Pumping Station. It is estimated that the repair will be completed in the early hours of the morning - Friday, 24 February 2023.

The incident has resulted in the depletion of the following Rand Water reservoirs:

- Airfield 1 & 2
- Brakfontein
- Brakpan 1,2 & 3
- Bronberg
- Germiston
- Klipriviersberg 1 & 2
- Klipfontein 1 & 2
- Vlakfontein 1&2

Some of the areas within the three metropolitan municipalities: the City of Ekurhuleni, City of Johannesburg and City of Tshwane are therefore likely to experience low water pressure to no water for several hours.

The situation might also impact local municipalities of Govan Mbeki, Victor Khanye, Thembisile Hani and Lesedi.

Rand Water urges **ALL** consumers to continue using water sparingly.

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