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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **UPDATE: MAINTENANCE WORK AT RAND WATER'S ZUIKERBOSCH WATER TREATMENT PLANT AFFECTING PALMIET BOOSTER STATION COMPLETED**

Rand Water has successfully completed the **fifty (50) hours** maintenance work at the Zuikerbosch Water Treatment Plant (ZWTP) that has impacted the Palmiet Booster Station. Zuikerbosch Water Treatment Plant (ZWTP) is located near Vereeniging and is one of Rand Water's purification plants. The maintenance work at the plant commenced on **15 July 2024** and completed on **17 July 2024**. During commissioning this morning, there were technical snags that were encountered which resulted in full commissioning achieved later than planned.

This project has affected the three Gauteng metropolitan municipalities which are **City of Ekurhuleni, City of Johannesburg**, and **City of Tshwane, Madibeng Local Municipality** based in Bojanala Platinum District in **North-West Province** and industries supplied by the Palmiet Booster Station. During maintenance work, Palmiet pumping station was pumping at 68% of its capacity. The process of charging the pipeline is underway, and full pumping will resume tonight.

Although work has been completed at the ZWTP, critical reservoirs which are supplied by the Palmiet System have been impacted. These include: **Klipriviersberg, Germiston, Meyershill, Airfield, Klipfontein, Brakfontein** and **Haartbeeshoek**. As a result, some of these reservoirs are experiencing

critical low levels, which has led to low pressure to no water supply in some areas, particularly those in high lying sections.

Affected municipalities have reported that they have activated alternative water supply arrangements to the affected areas. Details on the extent of the impact, impacted areas and alternative water supply arrangements are available on social media platforms of the municipalities.

### **Benefits of maintenance and recovery process**

Rand Water undertakes proactive infrastructure maintenance projects to preserve the quality and integrity of its infrastructure and extend the lifespan of its assets. This ensures long-term water security and sustained water provision. There may be short-term inconveniences, but the long-term benefits are unparalleled.

The water infrastructure system is designed in such a way that once the maintenance is completed, the system need time to recover. In addition, high-lying areas may experience low to no pressure for longer than low lying ones as it takes longer for the pressure to stabilise.

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