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MEDIA STATEMENT

EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND RAND WATER ESTABLISH WATER UTILITY TO ENHANCE DELIVERY OF WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES IN EMFULENI

The Emfuleni Local Municipality and Rand Water announce the launch of a water utility (to enhance the provision of water and sanitation services within the Municipality). The utility will assume full responsibility for the implementation, management, and maintenance of water and sanitation service systems and will seek to ensure sustainable basic service delivery to residents, businesses, and industries in the area.

The launch of the utility will be held on **3 November 2024 at the Emerald Resorts and Casino in Emfuleni Local Municipality.**

The establishment of the utility was initiated to respond to the growing demand for reliable and efficient water services that aligns with national priorities for water security. The utility will commit itself to ensuring the reliable delivery of water and sanitation services whilst addressing the pressing challenges that have affected communities in recent years.

It has been entrusted with the responsibility to implement sustainable solutions that will enhance access to clean water and effective sanitation systems, ultimately improving the quality of life for ordinary residents. Through this initiative, the utility aims to restore public confidence by prioritising efficiency, accountability, and transparency in the management of water and sanitation resources. It will also focus on introducing innovative technologies and environmentally friendly practices to promote long-term sustainability.

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For both the Emfuleni Local Municipality and Rand Water the establishment of the utility symbolises their commitment to sustainable water and sanitation management, and at the same time providing a solid foundation for future growth and development. Included in its mandate, is the utility's commitment to collaborate with all municipal and sectoral stakeholders, and fostering collaboration to achieve seamless service delivery and infrastructure development.

As part of its obligations Rand Water is dedicated to supporting local communities and ensuring that the transition of responsibilities from the ELM to the newly-established utility runs smoothly and efficiently. The launch of the utility signifies a step toward reliable service delivery and infrastructure renewal to meet the water and sanitation needs of the region.

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