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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **RAND WATER TO IMPLEMENT A 24-HOUR MAINTENANCE ON ITS O2 PIPELINE IN GEMISTON, EKURHULENI MUNICIPALITY**

Rand Water would like to inform the Gauteng residents of its planned maintenance work to repair a leak that was detected on the O2 Pipeline beneath Nasmith Road in Germiston, Ekurhuleni Municipality. To carry out this critical repair work, the O2 Pipeline will be temporarily isolated to enable the safe implementation of the project.

The maintenance project will commence from 06h00 on 25 January 2025 until 06h00 on 26 January 2025. It will affect water supply to the **Cities of Tshwane, Ekurhuleni, and Johannesburg as well as Madibeng Local Municipality.**

Normal water pumping capacity from the Palmiet Booster Pumping Station into the O2 Pipeline will be reduced by 400 Megalitres per day for the duration of the maintenance period. The reduction of water supply into the O2 Pipeline has the potential to have a negative impact on several Rand Water reservoirs. This situation will lead to lower water pressure or, in some cases, no water supply for the duration of the work.

**The reservoirs that will be affected during the maintenance period are:**

- Germiston Reservoir (affecting some parts of City of Ekurhuleni);
- Northridge Reservoir (affecting some parts of City of Ekurhuleni);
- Airfield Reservoir (affecting some parts of City of Ekurhuleni);
- Klipfontein Reservoir (affecting some parts of Cities of Johannesburg and Ekurhuleni);
- Brakfontein Reservoir (affecting some parts of City of Tshwane and Madibeng);and
- Haartebeeshoek Reservoir (affecting some parts of City of Tshwane).

**The above-mentioned customers will provide details about the areas that will be impacted. They will share this information through various communication platforms.**

In terms of the Communication Protocol, Rand Water has formally informed the affected municipal customers of the pending project by issuing a 21-day advance notification to allow the entities to communicate with the affected residents, and to plan and execute appropriate contingency plans. As a result, the affected municipal customers will advise consumers on the extent of the water supply shortages in their respective areas.

Rand Water would like to urge all affected consumers and other stakeholders to exercise patience and cooperation during the implementation of this critical repair work. The organisation remains committed to completing the project as swiftly and efficiently as possible to restore normal water supply to all its municipal customers. Rand Water will provide updates through various communications channels to keep all stakeholders informed.

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