



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **RAND WATER MEETS WITH EXECUTIVE MAYORS OF VARIOUS GAUTENG METROS TO ADDRESS CONTINUING HIGH-WATER CONSUMPTION.**

Rand Water is experiencing upward trend in water consumption in most areas of the Gauteng Metros. Gauteng Metros consume more than **75%** of the water produced by Rand Water. To address the continuing upward trend, Rand Water leadership under Rand Water Board Chairperson, Mr Ramateu Monyokolo, is meeting with Executive Mayors of Gauteng Metros. To date, Rand Water has met with the Executive Mayors of the Cities of Ekurhuleni and Johannesburg.

The meetings with both Executive Mayors discussed high water consumption and sought to address the matter. The Executive Mayors in both Johannesburg and Ekurhuleni voiced their support to initiatives by the technical teams to reduce consumption and pledged to drive the initiatives at that level. Rand Water has requested for a similar meeting with the office of the Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane but have not received a response as yet.

Rand Water systems are currently low but stable. Rand Water provides bulk potable water to eighteen (18) municipalities including Gauteng Metros through a number of interlinked strategic reservoirs. Therefore, high consumption in one area/ system places a strain in the entire system.

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The daily technical team meetings between Rand Water and Gauteng Metros to discuss and implement technical solutions continue to take place. High consumption by Metros necessitates for Rand Water to pump more to Metros and this depletes Rand Water's storage.

Rand Water will continue to engage the Gauteng Metros in efforts to reduce their water consumption and avert interrupted supply.

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