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### **Magalies Water Appoints New General Manager for Projects and Engineering Services**

As part of strengthening technical expertise and capacity within its management echelons, Magalies Water is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Sibongiseni Mbadamana as its new General Manager for Projects and Engineering Services (PES). Mbadamana assumes his new role, which became vacant following changes in Magalies Water's executive as a result of appointments, as well as organizational redesign processes which led to an amalgamation of two former positions within the executive levels of management; General Manager – Project Management Unit (PMU) and General Manager – Engineering Services (ES) resulting into the newly reconfigured role as Magalies Water has now an expanded service area mandate which covers the entire North West province.

Magalies Water has moved with speed after the Ministry of Water Sanitation removed the moratorium on executive appointments, which was further stalled by the disestablishment of the erstwhile Sedibeng Water, which its North West operations (Ngaka Modiri Molema and Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipalities), and staff have been duly transferred to Magalies Water. Mbadamana brings with him vast skills, and experience and was Sedibeng Water's Operations and Maintenance Superintendent, in Vaal Gamagara in the Northern Cape, and later appointed as Regional Manager for Ngaka Modiri Molema, where he was permanently appointed in March 2021. He was responsible for operations of the region until his appointment in the expanded Magalies Water, he had previously been appointed Operations and Maintenance manager for Mahikeng Region in 2015.

Mbadamana's education and experience has shaped him into an exceptional leader, having studied Civil Engineering at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) to his hands-on approach, he started in the sector, at the Department of Water Affairs in Mpumalanga, and has gained experience through working

at Concor Civils where he was a Site Engineer, Element Consulting Engineers, where he worked as a Civil Technician and Amatola Water Board as a Pipeline Technician, Mbadamana has over 15 years of relevant experience in water and sanitation. He holds an MPhil in Engineering Management and is currently studying towards with his Master's in Business Administration (MBA). Mbadamana is registered as a Professional Engineering Technologist with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), the South African Institute of Civil Engineers (SAICE) as a member, and with the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) as a Candidate Construction Project Manager

The Eastern Cape-born engineer has also plied his trade at City of Johannesburg's - Joburg Water as Depot Manager for water and sanitation operations and most recently the former Sedibeng Water Board. Mbadamana has invaluable insights into the complexities of water infrastructure management and community engagement. Throughout his career, he has remained steadfast in his commitment to ensuring access to clean water for all, especially in underserved communities.

Reacting to the announcement of his appointment, he said he intends to ensure that the newly reconfigured Division is stable, he explained "mine is to make sure that we operate from a perspective of a well-resourced business unit, within the organization, to deal with all the inherent challenges. During my tenure, we also intend to build on good and existing relationships which have been created by my predecessor especially with Water Services Authorities (WSA's) and other key stakeholders such as customers" he said.

The newly appointed General Manager highlighted some of the focus areas which during this tenure will be prioritized, he continued "we will pay specific attention to the practical completion of incomplete projects with emphasis on those transferred to Magalies Water as a result of the disestablishment process. This will tie into our Bulk Water and Sanitation Master Plan, which has been conceptualised to rigorously address water and sanitation-related challenges in the now expanded service area and the North West province at large, in responding to priorities of both the national and provincial governments" he emphasized.

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