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EDITOR'S NOTE

We Fall. We Break. We Fail.

BUT THEN

We Rise. We Heal. We Overcome.

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As the year draws to an end, it is a bittersweet moment that we take to reflect on the year 2020. Our third edition of **WATERWORX** comes at a very difficult time in our history as we face yet another heavy lockdown in the advent of a second wave of the COVID 19 pandemic, many have lost lives, whilst others their very livelihoods, facing a bleak and uncertain future.

However, in the midst of this uncertainty, Magalies Water Family, we have managed to hold strong and come together in the midst of crisis. We take this opportunity to thank those who have kept the ship sailing, working long shifts at the various Magalies Water plants, for without them, we too, would have been faced with uncertainty. This year, has certainly shown that as the Magalies Water family, not only can we endure, but we have great capacity to come together for a common cause.

As we look ahead, let us renew our strength and work towards a better 2021, remembering to take the lessons we have learnt and continue to wear our masks, wash our hands and social distance.

MKLM Stakeholder Engagement

The Magalies Water Board held a meeting with the Moses Kotane Local Municipality (MKLM) leadership on 03 November 2020, the meeting's purpose was to discuss the ongoing water crisis affecting residents of MKLM.

As part of the intervention, a new reservoir situated in Mogwase Unit 2 would be commissioned at the end of November 2020 and to assist in increasing the water storage capacity.

The task team resolved that the technical teams from both Magalies Water and MKLM would meet on a regular basis to discuss possible partnerships, maintenance and other operational issues that aim to find solutions to the water supply problem.





The Koster Waste Water Treatment Plant is one such project completed by Magalies Water who were appointed as an implementing agent on behalf of the Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS).



Portfolio Committee Oversight Visit

On Friday, 06 November 2020 the Portfolio Committee of the North West Legislature undertook an oversight visit to the Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality.

The oversight visit was attended by Mayor of Kgetlengrivier LM Hon A.A Selaledi, Chairperson of MPAC Cllr N. Sole, members of MPAC Committee, senior officials of the Municipality, Department of Water & Sanitation and officials from Magalies Water.

The visit also provided an update on projects completed in the Kgetlengrivier LM.



Board Tour

The Magalies Water Board, led by Chairperson, Ms. Pinky Mokoto, undertook a two-day visit on 10 and 11 November 2020 to all Magalies Water sites. The visit began at Vaalkop Water Treatment Works, just outside of Brits in the Northwest.

The aim of the Board visit was to familiarize members with plant operations, identify any challenges experienced at the plant and find possible solutions to some of the issues raised. Vaalkop Water Treatment Works is Magalies Water's oldest water treatment site, with its water source being the Vaalkop Dam, which in turn is fed by the Hex and Elands Rivers respectively.

Presently, Magalies Water is extracting 249MI/d of water and the process is underway to

acquire a new license allowing for the extraction of over 350MI/d. This will ultimately increase the amount of water available to consumers in the Vaalkop water scheme.

The second leg of the Board tour concluded at the Magalies Water Scientific Services Laboratory based in Brits. The Brits Lab is a state-of-the-art facility providing a number of world-class services to customers. The Brits Lab is an International Electrotechnical Commission 17025 (ISO/IEC 17025) institution accredited in microbiology and chemistry.

Magalies Water supports the employment of young people in the sector and the Magalies Water scientific services lab is run by young professionals below the age of 35.



Magalies Water "Incredible Man"

The second annual Magalies Water Men's Day event took place on 27 November 2020 at the Bundu Inn, Randfontein.

Under the theme "Incredible Man", the aim of the event this session is not only to focus on men's health issues but to also address the ever increasing social ills that have plagued the country, in particular, the pandemic that is Gender Based Violence (GBV) and child abuse.

Men from all the Magalies Water plants attended the event and colleagues from the Klipdrift Water Treatment Plant illustrated the effects of GBV through an industrial theatre play they performed and Plant Manager, Marius Steyn received the award on behalf of Klipdrift Plant.

Well done to Team Klipdrift who bagged a trophy for their efforts.



Health & Wellness Day

On 10 and 11 December 2020, the Human Resources Department hosted the Magalies Water Health and Wellness Day at Vaalkop Water Treatment Plant and Klipdrift Water Treatment Works respectively.

The events were attended by all employees from the various Magalies Water plants where they had the opportunity to take advantage of the services offered. Some of the services included HIV, Cholesterol, High Blood Pressure and BMI testing.

Well done to all employees for taking part!





PLAY YOUR PART AND HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF THE

CORONAVIRUS

Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds
and make use of hand sanitizers

