

# WATERWORX

*The official newsletter of Magalies Water*



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Quarter four for the 2024/25 financial year of Magalies Water marks a significant milestone, in the history of the now expanded Water Board. It is evidenced by the hard work of the Executive and Board collective to ensure that the entity remains financially stable, while expediting a number of infrastructure projects, aimed at addressing current water challenges, within the service area of Magalies Water. Earlier media reports in the year, had indicated a potential financial crisis that would affect Magalies Water as a result of the legacy challenges linked to the disestablished Sedibeng Water. These reports had indicated an inevitable end to one of South Africa's critical players in the water sector in North West, Limpopo and Gauteng, and whose end would have had catastrophic consequences for the entire platinum belt.

The leadership of the institution, supported by the Board has been working tirelessly to turn around the financial fortunes of the entity, with marked improvement on the collection rates from bulk customers, including customers that had not addressed the historic debt associated with the conditions of the disestablishment and transfers of such debt to Magalies Water. The Communications and Stakeholder Relations as well as Finance Divisions, have been critical in ensuring that financial sustainability of the organisation is achieved in order to achieve the medium-to-long term strategic goals.

Another highlight which is notable in quarter four is the appointment of the entity's Accounting Officer, who has been acting in this position for just under year. This appointment, heralds a new beginning for the organisation and further validates the position of the Board on filling in of critical and strategic vacancies in order to ensure that there is leadership and stability at the highest administrative levels. With over 5 years stay within different capacities in Magalies Water, the newly appointed Chief Executive is certainly up to the task, and will rely on the support of all internal stakeholders to ensure that Magalies Water achieves all of its strategic objectives while complying to the provisions of the Shareholder Compact, and Corporate Plan.

Congratulations are in order to the new Chief Executive.

Happy Reading!



**Mr. David Magae**  
**Manager: Communications and**  
**Media Relations**

## MAGALIES WATER & ERWAT ENGAGE TO ADDRESS POLLUTION IN CROCODILE WEST CATCHMENT



**Magalies Water Delegation led by Acting Chief Operations Officer Mr. Sibongiseni Mbadamana and ERWAT's Managing Director Mr. Kennedy Chihota**

In a historic move that sees a water utility and a water care company collaborate over to mitigate the pollution impact on raw water in the Crocodile West Catchment, which includes the picturesque Hartbeespoort Dam, Magalies Water and ERWAT have commenced engagements, that seek to formalize a working relationship between the two entities. This impending collaboration is due to Magalies Water's appointment as Implementing Agent on behalf of the Department of Water and Sanitation to provide an integrated Water Resource Management Plan, that has been designed to aggressively address high contamination of the raw water in the catchment. ERWAT, on the other hand, is managing and operating nineteen (19) water care works across the City of Ekurhuleni and Lesedi Local Municipality in Gauteng province. It also manages the Olifantsfontein Water Care Works, which is discharging treated wastewater in terms of the Department of Water and Sanitation requirements, upstream of the catchment in Hennops River.

The Water Care utility, through engagements with Magalies Water, sought to establish a working relationship which among others, once formalized seeks to achieve:

- Collaboration on Scientific Services, with respect to joint monitoring, evaluation and analyses of levels of pollution in strategic points of the catchment between Gauteng and North West.
- Knowledge and skills exchange between the two entities insofar as water resource management is concerned.
- Future collaboration on expert-led and technical interventions, at the municipal level with emphasis on improvement of wastewater treatment plant management, efficiency and compliance on discharged effluent.
- Detailed collaborative plan, focusing on internal capacity building, including addressing infrastructural improvements, to ensure discharge remains compliant with the required provisions of the applicable legislation.
- Benchmarking on new technology to reduce the impact of pollution, keeping effluent within the legal limits, as well as monitoring inconsistencies in E. coli levels throughout the catchment and Hartbeespoort Dam.
- Detecting both point and non-point source pollution between the Water Care Works and the Hartbeespoort Dam, thus curbing continued illegal and unauthorized discharge of effluent.
- Dissemination of proposed various funding frameworks aimed at fostering targeted growth to address constraints related to water quality and quantity security.





**Engaging - ERWAT officials quiz Magalies Water Representatives on Presentations made on the Entity's Intervention in Hartbeespoort Dam**

Magalies Water's acting Chief Operations Officer, also the leader of the delegation, Mr. Sibongiseni Mbadamana, expressed satisfaction at the outcomes of the meeting and lauded ERWAT's Managing Director, Mr. Kennedy Chihota's approach to open and constructive discussions between the two entities. A key agreement between the two institutions is to work towards the formalization of the working relationship, which will be guided by a Memorandum of Understanding, to govern the scope of work and deliverables for the benefit of communities in Gauteng and North West.



**(Left) ERWAT's Managing Director - Mr. Kennedy Chihota and (Right) Acting Chief Operations Officer and Mr. Sibongiseni Mbadamana**



**Sitting Left-to-Right - Acting Chief Operations Officer and Crocodile West Catchment Remediation Project Manager Ms. Kefilwe Nduli**



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## DEPUTY MINISTER SEITLHOLO VISITS VAALKOP DAM OVER HYACINTH CONCERNS

Magalies Water hosted Water and Sanitation Deputy Minister Sello Seitholo at Vaalkop Water Treatment Works on a two-day oversight visit. Magalies Water delegation was led by the acting Chief Executive, Ms. Matshidiso Tabane accompanied by members of the Board and executive management. The aim of the visit was to assess the extent of the invasion of the alien plant known as Salvinia into the dam.

The plant, along with the Hyacinth, have found a perfect breeding ground in the dam due to upstream activity stemming from the Roodekopies Dam as well as Hex and Elands Rivers. Unlike water Hyacinth, Salvinia is smaller in size and thrives in winter and does not require seeds to populate as the plant multiplies through a mutation process. During the visit, the Deputy Minister emphasized the need for those responsible for discharging non-compliant effluent into the river system to be held accountable as the plants depend on nutrients that exist in the contaminated raw water.

He continued "we need to ensure that all stakeholders responsible and affected by this issue to come together to find workable solutions in the control and ultimate eradication of these invasive plants," said Seitholo. He also indicated that he would expect timelines to be developed in order to ensure proper monitoring and evaluation as well as accountability where necessary.

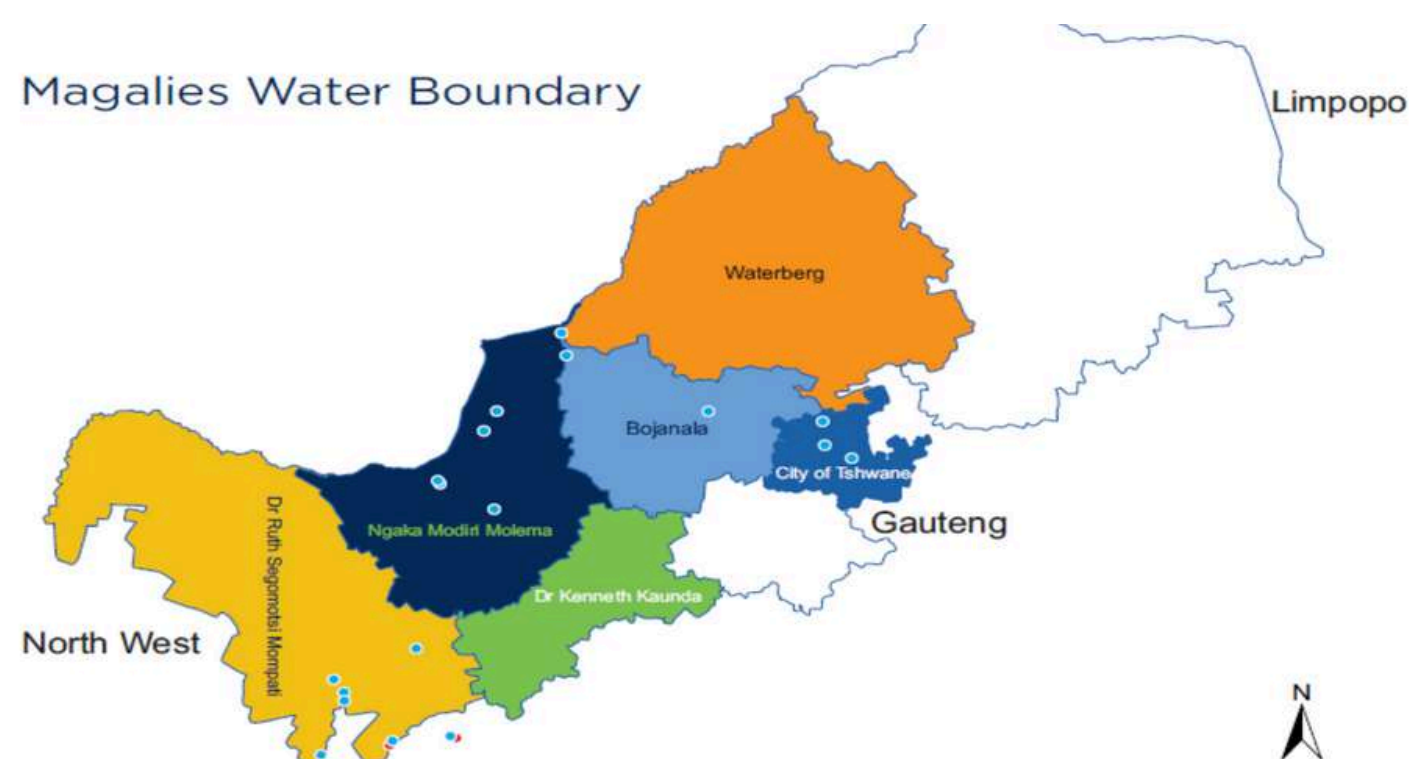


Sitting Left-to-Right - General Manager Ms. Kelebogile Mogamisi, and Board Members Ms. Yongama Pamla and Ms. Priscilla Mashaba



Water and Sanitation Deputy Minister Sello Seitholo during his second day of his oversight visit to Magalies Water's Vaalkop WTW

Deputy Minister Sello Seitholo from the Department of Water and Sanitation concluded his two-day visit to Vaalkop Water Treatment Plant with a strategic stakeholder engagement session which included members of the Magalies Water board, Rustenburg Local Municipality, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, Limpopo Olifants Catchment Management Area (LOCMA), affected mines and residents in the area. The engagement focused on the issue of pollution in the river system by different role players, which was causing the infestation of Salvinia and Hyacinth on the dam.



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## MAGALIES WATER HAS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE



**Magalies Water's Appointed Chief Executive -  
Mr. Ofentse Nthutang**

Following a rigorous recruitment process, cabinet announced the appointment of Mr. Ofentse Nthutang as Magalies Water's Chief Executive with effect from 1st June 2025, for a period of five years. Nthutang, whose substantive position was Chief Operations Officer at the entity, starting in September 2023, initially joined the water utility as its General Manager - Engineering Services. He was appointed Acting Chief Executive from July 2024 following the departure of his predecessor.

Hailing from Seweding Village, outside the North West's capital Mahikeng, Nthutang is an accomplished engineer having plied his trade as General Manager: Technical Services at Vhembe District Municipality, Chief Engineer at the National Department of Public Works, Principal Engineer with BIP Consulting Engineers, Regional Manager with Ingerop Africa Consulting Engineers, and Engineer with Arup Consulting Engineers. The newly appointed Chief Executive is also registered Professional Engineer with Engineering Council of South Africa - ECSA, holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering (Civil) from the University of the Witwatersrand, a certificate for Investment Analysis and Risk Analysis from Queen's University in Canada, and has completed his Master's in Business Administration with the University of Reading, Henley Business School.

Reacting to his appointment, the engineering professional said what lay before him was a mammoth task, as Magalies Water is still adjusting to the recent sectoral reforms undertaken during the 6th administration. He outlined some of his plans over his tenure as CEO to address a number of pressing challenges; he continued "Magalies Water was a relatively small Water Board prior to the disestablishment of the erstwhile Sedibeng Water and has doubled in terms of its workforce and finds itself operating in the entire North West. We have already as a measure of proactiveness following the proclamation of our expanded service area commenced a process of reviewing and updating our Bulk Water and Sanitation Master Plan to cover the entire province. This strategic document sets the tone for the organizations' future growth while addressing short-to-long term water and sanitation services demands. This is critical as many of these new areas have acute shortage of bulk water infrastructure that hinders the adequate response to the challenges related to water supply" he said.

Another matter of importance that the organisation intends to sharply focus on is its financial liquidity, which was a result of the inherited debt which was transferred to Magalies Water as part of the disestablishment process. Nthutang says, while there has been great progress with respect to financial recovery strategies more work still needs to be done, he adds "we have signed several payment agreements, and the debt is starting to translate into a reduced balance sheet of our debt book, however given that we are not funded from the national fiscus, we intend to double our efforts while being supported by the Board of the entity on debt recovery implementation plans. We are focused on ensuring that government achieves its National Development Plan - 2030 targets on improved access to water and sanitation services" he concluded.



## UMGENI-UTHUKELA WATER BOARD VISITS MAGALIES WATER FOR BENCHMARKING EXERCISE



**Magalies Water and Umgeni-Uthukela officials during the first day of the two-day oversight visit, which commenced at Klipdrift Water Treatment Plant**

Magalies Water hosted a two-day benchmarking session with the Umgeni-Uthukela Water Board. The engagement commenced at the Klipdrift Water Treatment Plant and concluded at the Scientific Services Laboratory. The benchmarking session was part of ongoing efforts to promote knowledge exchange and strengthen inter-board collaboration within the water sector. The Magalies Water team was led by Mr. Mukesh Dayanand, Area Manager for East Region. The session included a tour of the plant which is in the process of several upgrades that will take it from the current 42ML/d to a 90ML/d plant, through the Klipdrift Package Plant project that aims to provide potable water to the people of Hammanskraal.



**Day two of the oversight saw the delegation visit Magalies Water's Scientific Services Laboratory in Brits**

The session featured presentations from the sister water board, which highlighted several challenges related to algal proliferation in the Upper and Lower

Umgeni catchment areas that feed into the Inanda and Midmar Dams. Key issues discussed included:

- High algal concentrations due to elevated nutrient levels during the spring season which necessitate multiple interventions to improve the water quality of the dams.
- Filter clogging, which results in reduced water production and intensified efforts towards water security.
- Unpleasant taste and odour metabolites, requiring increased chemical remediation and operational cost to address these water-related complexities.

Blue Planet SA also presented the nanobubble technology implemented for the Hartbeespoort Dam rehabilitation project on behalf of Magalies Water as an emerging bioremediation technology for algae mitigation. Phindile Mahlangu, the Scientific Services Manager, expressed gratitude to the Umgeni-Uthukela delegation for recognizing the presented efforts by Magalies Water, especially given the degraded raw water quality in their supply area. She acknowledged their collaborative contribution in providing a rehabilitative framework. In her closing remarks, Ms. Mahlangu emphasized several critical points regarding the benchmarking exercise. She highlighted the importance of strengthening collaborations among water boards, municipalities, and catchment management forums to establish root-causes and solutions rather than addressing the subsequent symptoms. While she acknowledged the role of advanced technological interventions as a vital part of the mitigation strategy, she also stressed the necessity of an integrated approach to tackling complex water-related challenges. She advocated for continuous information sharing through collaborative platforms involving various stakeholders in the water sector, including academic institutions, research organisations, and private entities. She highlighted an increasing demand for private-public interactive platforms within the same sector to foster real-time solutions, particularly in response to the declining quality of raw water sources due to a multitude of contributing factors.



# IN PICTURES: UMGENI UTHUKELA OVERSIGHT VISIT



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## NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE VISITS BRITS WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Magalies Water today, welcomed the North West Provincial Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Corporative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs to the ongoing Brits Water Treatment Plant upgrade project site, in Brits. The visit was part of the Portfolio Committee's oversight visit to various parts of the province. The project, in the main intends to increase the capacity of the plant to produce potable water from the current 60 ML/d to the envisaged 80 ML/d in response to the water demand related challenges in the Madibeng municipal jurisdiction. The project, which commenced in 2014, has experienced significant delays because of several community protests linked to the project insofar as local economic development opportunities are concerned. In addition, Magalies Water has had to terminate contractors due to performance related issues, which further extended delays with respect to project completion timelines.



**Sitting Left-to-Right Mr. Itumeleng Mosala - Board Member, Mr. Tshiamo Mpane - Acting General Manager Planning & Engineering Services, Mr. Ofentse Nthutang - Chief Executive and Dr Lydia Sebege - Board Chairperson**

Notwithstanding these challenges, Magalies Water has registered significant progress to ensure full completion and commissioning at an estimated total cost of R900 million, with over 220 jobs that have been created during the implementation of the project.



**Members of the North West Provincial Legislature Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs during a walkabout**

Magalies Water has assured the portfolio committee that, it intends to ensure that it fast-tracks the outstanding work, to ensure that a handover ceremony of the works to the local municipality is confirmed, which will signal the end of the construction works. The Chairperson of the Board, informed the committee that the Board continues to play oversight in ensuring that the all of the work is completed within the agreed timelines, in a bid to prevent further extensions which will have an impact on project cost.



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## BOARD CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT VISIT AT DINOKANA WATER PROJECT

The Magalies Water Board, led by the Chairperson of the Board, Dr Lydia Sebego, conducted an oversight visit in Dinokana Village in the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality in the North West province. Facilitated by the Chairperson of the Capital Investment & Stakeholder Engagement Committee, Mr Itumeleng Mosala, the aim of the visit was to assess the progress of the Dinokana Water Supply Intervention Project funded through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG). The project, forms part of the wider water projects, which are spearheaded by the Department of Water and Sanitation, in response to growing demand for potable water, especially in many of the rural areas in which Magalies Water has operations.



**Sitting Left-to-Right: Board Chairperson Dr Lydia Sebego and Board Member Ms. Yongama Pamla**

Ramotshere Moiloa, has in the past become a scene of sporadic and persistent service delivery protests, as a result of lack of potable water, coupled with old and aged infrastructure in the area. Magalies Water was directed by the Department of Water and Sanitation to intervene in accelerating access of water to communities, through a number of funded projects that aim to resolve the long-standing water supply challenges in the many villages around Zeerust.



**Magalies Water Executive and Board receive an on-site briefing about the progress of the project**

One of the projects visited, include an areas in which drilling and refurbishment of boreholes was implemented, installation of storage tanks, extension of reticulation lines, and the extension of communal standpipes. To date, a total of 12 SMMEs have been appointed to do pipe work and provide security services, and 155 local labourers have also been hired for the duration of the project. Upon completion, the project will impact approximately over 36 000 people and over 9 000 households in Dinokana. Board Chairperson Dr. Sebego said, more often communication is at heart of many complaints when projects are implemented.



## MINISTERIAL OVERSIGHT VISIT TO KLIPDRIFT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Magalies Water, as the appointed implementing agent for the Hammanskraal water intervention project, led a site inspection at the Klipdrift Package Plant in Hammanskraal, to update the Minister of Water and Sanitation Pemmy Majodina about work that has been done, and to provide an update about the practical completion of the entire project. The delegation was led by Magalies Water Board Chairperson, Dr Lydia Sebege, and included Minister Pemmy Majodina, Deputy Minister David Mahlobo, and the Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane, Dr Nasiphi Moya, who are the key stakeholders which Magalies Water has been engaging since the commencement of this project.

The visit aimed to assess progress on the construction of the Klipdrift Package Plant, which will increase treated water supply by 50 megalitres per day through four modular units. The delegation also briefly visited the Rooiwal Wastewater Treatment Works as part of a broader effort to ensure a sustainable and integrated approach to water provision in the region. Minister Majodina expressed her delight at the visible progress and confirmed that residents of Hammanskraal have already started receiving clean, safe drinking water through the intervention signaling a major milestone in the efforts to improve water services and restore dignity in the area.

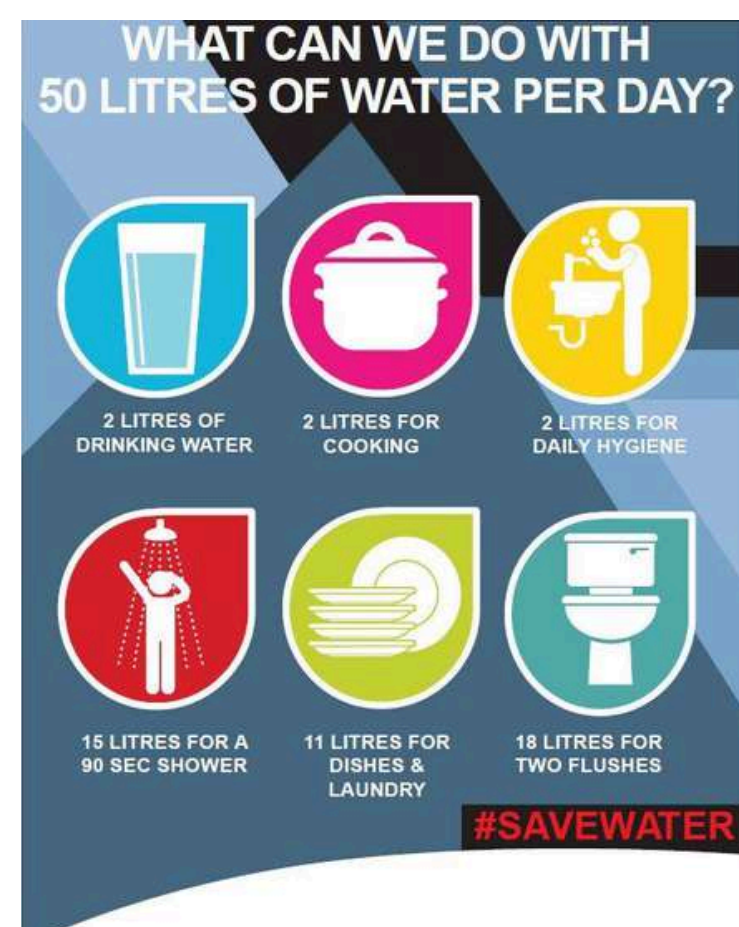


**Left-to-Right: Acting General Manager Planning and Engineering Services Mr. Tshiamo Mpane & Magalies Water Chief Executive Mr. Ofentse Nthutang**

Magalies Water Board Chairperson, Dr Lydia Sebege, said notwithstanding many challenges, in implementing the project such as delays as a result of power outages, torrential rains as well as disruptions due to protests at the project site, the officials from Magalies Water, have worked around the clock to reduce any eminent delays. She continued “one can appreciate that this project, was not planned in the normal cause of planning, and was implemented as an emergency project, that on its own brought about a lot of complexities and complications. However one is proud that the colleagues, in the face of the public pressure and challenges, have been able to commission two modules already, and we are way past the half-way mark in completing this project” she concluded.



**Water and Sanitation Minister Pemmy Majodina alongside Deputy Minister David Mahlobo**



## COMMUNICATION AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS STRATEGIC SESSION

Following the management strategy session, that was held in Rustenburg, and was preceded by the Board strategy session, which was approved for the current financial year, the Communications and Stakeholder Relations Division, held a two-day strategy session in developing an implementation plan linked to the Divisional Business Plan. The session which was held in Brits, was attended by the three departments namely - Marketing and Branding, Stakeholder and Business Development and Communications and Media Relations. The session, focused on each of the departments' strategies, policies and related frameworks, in an effort to align these to the adopted strategy,



**Magalies Water's Communication and Stakeholder Relations Division Personnel**

The first day of the two-day session, focused on the engagements, deliberations and decisions that were taken at both the management and Board strategy sessions. This was used as a basis for further engagements, and discussions on the adopted approach by the organization. The Division in the last two years, has undergone changes, that saw the Board approve and implement a new organogram that needed to reflect the developments that came about as a result of the disestablishment process and also resulted in an expanded mandate insofar as communications, business development, customer services and stakeholder engagement in concerned. The Division now provides support to over 600 employees, and customers in the entire North West province.



**Ms. Bulelwa Mbali-Khoele facilitated the session held in Brits**

## WATER & SANITATION DEPUTY MINISTER, DAVID MAHLOBO CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT VISIT TO BRITS WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, David Mahlobo accompanied by MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs Oageng Molapisi and the Executive Mayor of Madibeng Local Municipality Cllr Douglas Maimane conducted an oversight at Brits Water Treatment Plant. The visit which was also attended by Magalies Water's Deputy Chairperson of the Board Ms. Yvonne Matolong and the Chairperson of the Capital Investment & Stakeholder Engagement Committee, Mr Itumeleng Mosala. The visit was intended to assess progress at this long-standing project.

The Brits Water Treatment Plant project involves refurbishment and upgrading of the plant from 60 ML/d to an 80 ML/d. The project has encountered delays over the years due to various reasons. Deputy Minister Mahlobo has acknowledged strides made to this far but expressed dissatisfaction that those have not resulted in the completion of the project and supply of water to the community of Madibeng.



**Deputy Minister Mahlobo and MEC for Cooperative Governance Oageng Molapisi receive an on-site briefing**

He has directed that Magalies Water and the appointed main contractor submit an acceleration plan. The plan seeks to explain how work will be fast tracked to recover lost time towards completion and hand over of the project. Deputy Minister Mahlobo highlighted since the inception of the upgrade project, there has been a number of instances where there have been stand-offs between the community and those tasked with implementing the project, which has resulted in long delay. Some of the issues include SMME opportunities, as well as the emergence of construction mafia, that have been resolved through court processes.



**Left to Right: Acting General Manager Planning and Engineering Services - Mr. Tshiamo Mpane, Board Deputy Chairperson Ms. Yvonne Matolong and Deputy Minister David Mahlobo**

Magalies Water in providing a report of the progress of the current works, indicated that over 95 percent of the work has been completed, and what currently remains is the civil and mechanical works, on other sections of the newly constructed buildings. This is were minor works needs to be completed, including electrical works and for the site to be cleaned up, prior to an official handover. Magalies Water also confirmed that before the end of September 2025, the now expanded project site should have been officially handed over to Madibeng Local Municipality, for the total operation and maintenance of the treatment facility.

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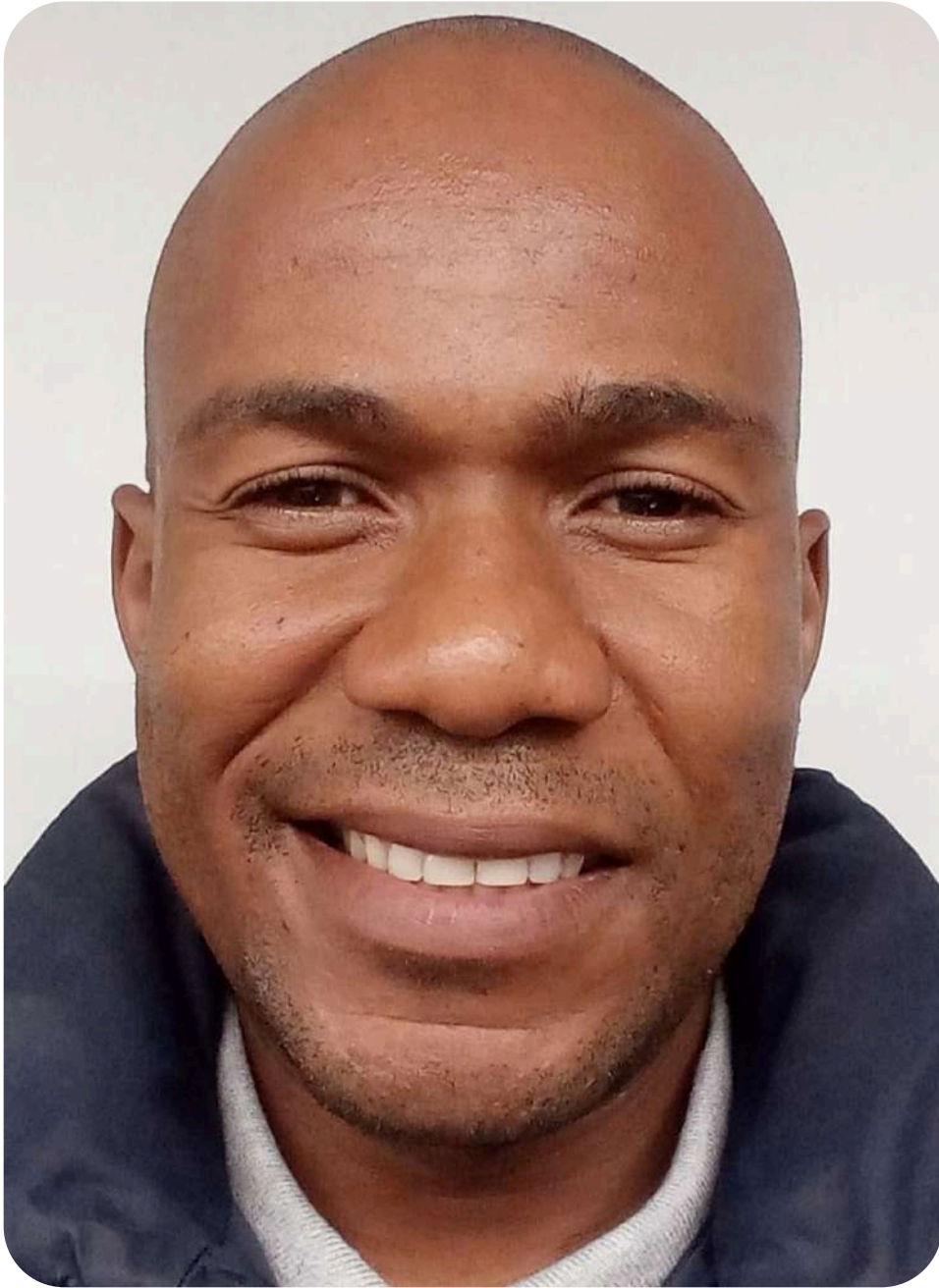
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## THE COMRADES WHO MADE IT PAST THE FINISH LINE



**Mr. Tumelo Makwela - Planning & Engineering Services**

The 99<sup>th</sup> edition of the Comrades Marathon which has always been organized for June annually, was a special edition, as it featured two of Magalies Water's officials from Planning & Engineering Services as well as Finance Divisions. We sit with both of them, to reflect on their participation in this year's "ultimate human race".

**Q:** What was the motivation behind registering to participate in this year's comrades marathon?

**Answer:** When I started my running journey in 2019, the goal was simply to keep fit and never imagined that I would one day run comrades marathon. As my running improved, I joined a running club and started meeting other runners who kept encouraging me to register for the ultimate human race. I took my chance in 2024 and registered for my 1st comrades. It was an uprun, I encountered many challenges including cramping halfway through the race and yet completed the race in 10 hours 6 minutes. So, this year I was motivated to go back, improve my 2024 run and get that back-to-back medal. Furthermore, it was a down run, I just had to experience it.

**Q:** How was your overall 2025 Comrades Marathon experience?

**Answer:** Way better than my first. With a bit of experience under my belt, I ensured that I prepared better for the race and took care of everything within my control. On race day the weather was perfect, the atmosphere was electrifying, thanks to the crowd, and the finish was epic. Overall, "it was the best day in the office."

**Q:** What was the most difficult part about the run?

**Answer:** Botha's Hill was the most difficult part of my run. That's the point where I started questioning my target. but I kept pushing forward and eventually regained momentum.

**Q:** What kind of preparations did you put in place, ahead of race day in order to ensure that you complete the race and maybe register a personal best performance?

**Answer:** I ensured that I qualified early for comrades with SA Run 4 Cancer ultra marathon in October 2024. From there my real training for comrades started in Jan 2024 where I targeted to complete 1200 km by end of May 2025. Three weeks before the race I prioritised resting and eating well (specifically carbo-loading) to ensure I was in peak condition for race day.

**Q:** Any words of encouragement to anyone who would want to participate in future, including what they need to consider ahead of the race?

**Answer:** Anyone can run comrades marathon, you just need to follow a well-structured training program. Joining a local running club helps in keeping you motivated and keeping up with local races. The best thing about running is that it's refreshing, good for your health and you can do it anywhere, even just around your neighbourhood.



**Mr. Thembelani Shezi - Finance Division**

**Q:** What was the motivation behind registering to participate in this year's comrades marathon?

**Answer:** I chose running as my lifestyle in 2015 and comrades marathon was one way I could keep myself committed and motivated to do my short runs constantly. With COVID 19 having interrupted sporting events in year 2020, I was not able to run and my priorities had changed when sporting activities resumed in 2022. I didn't need to dig any deep to find motivation to run comrades for this year, I just needed to make time available for training and running as motivation for running is already rooted within me and it seem to be a long term commitment.

**Q:** How was your overall 2025 Comrades Marathon experience?

**Answer:** The experience was fulfilling as the event is well organized and well supported. I managed to run well and my fitness and training also came in handy in making sure

my experience is enjoyable. Overall I enjoyed the races, the weather was perfect, support from family, friends, general spectators and my club resulted in a more enjoyable race.

**Q:** What was the most difficult part about the run?

**Answer:** The body always get tired with a race of 90 KM and when you get to that stage, you need your mind to be fit for you to get to the finish line. I really struggled in believing I could get to the finish line in time as I had an injury with about two months before the race. This state of mind meant I needed to play my race safely and not push my boundaries.

**Q:** What kind of preparations did you put in place, ahead of race day in order to ensure that you complete the race and maybe register a personal best performance?

**Answer:** Its amazing how much work goes to training for comrades marathon. The races is only 90 KM to be completed within 12 hours, but from the time I started training (November 2024) I spent 130 hours covering a distance of 1 300 km in preparation for comrades marathon. Resting was also key in the weeks towards marathon where I did not concentrate on running, but rather resting and keeping myself healthy but resting and eating well. Indeed comrades Marathon prepares one to care for their body in long term by exercising well and eating well for a long period.

**Q:** How many times prior to the 2025 marathon, did you run the race?

**Answer:** This was my fourth comrades marathon, having completed the event in 2017, 2018 and 2019 until the unfortunate pandemic which interrupted the 2020 event when I was at the pick of my training.

**Q:** Any words of encouragement to anyone who would want to participate in future, including what they need to consider ahead of the race?

**Answer:** I encourage most people to run the comrades marathon. The sport and event trains ones mind and body to complete everything they start and also show someone that success does not need to come fast and easy.



## MAGALIES WATER AND WATER UTILITIES CORPORATION OF BOTSWANA SIGN NEW AGREEMENT

The Department of Water and Sanitation through its International Relations Branch facilitated a meeting with their Botswana counterparts, where South African based water utility – Magalies Water and its Botswana customer – Water Utilities Corporation of Botswana met in Gaborone to engage in wide-ranging discussions of cooperation between the two entities.

The Republic of South Africa and Republic of Botswana signed an agreement in 1988 to facilitate the cross-border supply and management of water supply from the Molatedi Dam on the Marico River into Gaborone, Botswana through the Tswasa Scheme, which is operated, maintained and managed by Magalies Water. The two countries have established a Joint Permanent Technical Committee (JPTC), which is constituted by Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Magalies Water, and the Water Utilities Corporation of Botswana.



**Magalies Water and WUC representatives at the two-day meeting in Gaborone**

two countries to deliberate on bilateral issues concerning the Limpopo and Orange River basins. At the end of a two-day meeting Magalies Water and Water Utilities Corporation signed an agreement for the supply of water to the Kopfontein Border Post between South Africa and Botswana. The delegation from Magalies Water was led by its newly appointed Chief Executive Mr. Ofentse Nthutang, accompanied members of his executive team, comprising Chief Financial Officer (Ms. Matshidiso Tabane) and General Manager – Communications and Stakeholder Relations (Ms. Kelebogile Mogamisi), Legal Advisor (Advocate Aobakwe Gonkgang) and Regional Manager Far West (Ms. Kerotse Meintjies).



**Sitting (Left) - Ms. Felicity Ziga WUC Corporation Secretary and Sitting (Right) Magalies Water Chief Executive Mr. Ofentse Nthutang**

The JPTC functions as a technical advisory body to both the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Botswana, with a mandate to ensure the optimal management of shared watercourses in support of the socio-economic development of the sub-region. The Committee convenes biannually on a rotational basis between the



## BOARD COMMITTEE VISITS WATERBERG DISTRICT IN LIMPOPO TO ASSESS KLIPVOOR BULK WATER SCHEME PROJECT



**Mr. Jimmy Leburu briefs CISEC Chairperson on progress to date**

Magalies Water's Capital Investment & Stakeholder Engagement Committee (CISEC) Chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Mosala, accompanied by members of the board as well as Exco and other officials, conducted an oversight visit to Modimolle-Mookgopong Local Municipality (MMLM), to view the progress made on projects in the area being managed by the Water Board.

The visit began with a meeting at the council chambers, where Mr Jimmy Leburu provided key highlights of the project to the Executive Mayor of Waterberg District Municipality, Cllr Jack Maeko, and his counterparts, Cllr Aaron Sechele Sebolai as well as Speaker of the council, Cllr Sinah Langa. The project, known as the Moretele North Klipvoor Bulk Water Supply Scheme, aims to address the water challenges in Waterberg District, whilst providing job and business opportunities for the locals for the duration of the project.

The project entails construction of a new pipeline system as well as a water treatment plant and the development of a ground water source at Ngobi Village. Upon completion, the bulk water supply system will serve the Moretele and Madibeng local municipalities in the North West Province, Bela-Bela, Modimolle-Mookgopong and Mogalakwena local municipalities in Limpopo Province.



## BOARD CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT VISIT AT HAMMANSKRAAL'S INTERVENTION PROJECT

Magalies Water Board, led by the Chairperson of the Capital Investment & Stakeholder Engagement Committee, Mr Itumeleng Mosala, supported by the Chairperson of the Board, Dr. Lydia Sebego, board members and executives, conducted an oversight visit to the Klipdrift Water Treatment Works. The visit focused on assessing progress with upgrades aimed at increasing water supply capacity and improving service delivery to communities. The project forms part of the Hammanskraal Intervention Project, reinforcing Magalies Water's commitment to sustainable and reliable water solutions.



**Standing Left to Right - General Manager: Communications & Stakeholder Relations Ms. Kelebogile Mogamisi and Board representatives - Mr. Stanley Ngobeni, Dr. Mosidi Makgae, Dr. Lydia Sebego, Ms. Priscilla Mashaba and Ms. Yongama Pamla**

## MAGALIES WATER EXPANDS, WELCOMING NEW EMPLOYEES IN QUARTER 4

Magalies Water continues to grow in leaps and bounds, as the entity welcomed some new faces in quarter four. These are the new employees, as well those who have been within the entity, but have assumed new roles/responsibilities. We get to learn a few things about them...

**Thabane Makhoba - from Internal Audit** is a qualified internal auditor with approximately eight years of auditing experience across both the public and private sectors. He began his academic journey at the Durban University of Technology (DUT), where he obtained a National Diploma in Internal Auditing in 2016, followed by a B-Tech in Internal Auditing in 2017. He went on to complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Internal Auditing through the University of South Africa (UNISA) in 2021. In 2024, he achieved the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation, awarded by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). His professional background reflects a strong foundation in governance, risk management, and internal control.'

**Siphelele Nduli from Scientific Services** as a new role Analytical Services Manager. In this new position, he oversees functions of the analytical services department, which encompasses Chemistry and Biology laboratories, Quality Assurance, and Sampling Services. A registered Professional Natural Scientist (SACNASP), he also serves as a Technical Signatory for microbiology and hydrobiology methods and is a certified Sanas Technical Assessor for testing laboratories. He holds a Master of Science in Environmental Science, Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the University of South Africa, and BSc Honours in Microbiology from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is a member of the South African Society for Microbiology (SASM).



**Thabane Makhoba - Internal Audit**



**Siphelele Nduli - Scientific Services**

**Mbali Mija** joined Magalies Water as the newly appointed CAE and is an accomplished internal audit professional and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) with close to 20 years of experience across various public and private sector institutions. She has a proven record of leading internal audit functions, developing and implementing risk-based audit strategies, and driving governance improvements through a combined assurance approach.

Mbali began her career in November 2005 as a Trainee Accountant at the Auditor-General of South Africa, where she completed her SAICA articles. In January 2009, she joined FirstRand Bank as a Group Internal Auditor, leading and performing risk-based audits until April 2015.

In 2015, she joined South African Revenue Services (SARS) as an Operational Specialist: Internal Audit, where she conducted business process assessments, risk evaluations, and led audit engagements. In 2021, she was appointed as the Senior Manager: Internal Audit/Chief Audit Executive at the Eastern Cape Department of Transport – Government Fleet Management Services, and later joined the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury in November 2022 as the Director: Internal Audit / Chief Audit Executive, where she led the internal audit function.

**Simone Jones** has assumed a new role as Senior Chemist and has been in Magalies Water for 9 years, within Scientific Services. After matriculating in 2012, she was accepted at WITS to study Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, where, in her third year she decided to focus on Chemistry and Applied Chemistry. Needless to say, she had found her career. Soon after graduating in 2015, she started an internship the following year at Johannesburg Water, where she made a concerted effort to build a strong work ethic.



**Mbali Mija- Chief Audit Executive (CAE)**



**Simone Jones**

With that, she was promoted from intern, to laboratory assistant, to laboratory analyst by 2019, while obtaining working knowledge of ISO17025 and various analytical laboratory techniques.

In that same year, she joined Magalies Water as a (now titled) Chemist, where a new chapter began. Since then, she has gained in-depth knowledge of SANS 241 drinking water standard, and what role Magalies Water plays in achieving that standard. Here, she continues to expand my understanding of complex laboratory instrumentation. she was able to register with SACNASP as a Certificated Natural Scientist. Also, became a Technical Signatory for the accredited methods in the Chemistry section. She currently serves on the Magalies Water Young Professionals Forum (MWYPF) as a task team member to establish a functional forum and encourage youth participation in skills development that taps into opportunities outside their comfort zone. She's recently been promoted to Senior Chemist here at Magalies Water, and is grateful for this new opportunity and will always remain eager to learn and diversify.

**Pfumelane Mabunda** is a Plant Manager (Far West Region) with ten years of experience in the water sector. She is currently doing her final year of Post Graduate Diploma in Water Management with The Independent Institute of Education and Advanced Diploma Quality Management at Tshwane University of Technology. She also holds a B-Tech Project Management from Tshwane University of Technology, B-Tech Water Care from Tshwane University of Technology and a National Diploma Water at Tshwane University of Technology

She is a Professional Process Controller registered with WISA since 2021 and also Class V process controller under DWS classification.



**Pfumelane Mabunda - Plant Manager Far West**

Prior to her current position Pfumelani has been appointed Acting Plant Manager Far West December 2022 to March 2025 (Sedibeng Water merge with Magalies Water), Process Controller : Mafikeng (Sedibeng Water) June 2017 to December 2022, Assistant Process Controller : Walmannsthal WTW November 2016 to May 2017 and Intern Process Controller at Cullinan WTW November 2015 to October 2016.

### **OTHER NOTABLE APPOINTMENTS IN QUARTER FOUR**



**Mosala Bopape**  
Process Controller Class III  
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**Relinde Ramalata**  
Process Controller Class III  
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**Emmanuel Baliso - Process Controller Class III - Pudimoe Water Treatment Works**



**Mandy Tseka - Process Controller Class III - Pudimoe Water Treatment Works**

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