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TO: ALL MEDIA

EMBARGO: NONE

DATE: THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 2025

**RE: NIGHTLY WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION WITHDRAWN AMID
THE RECENT MAJOR LEAK REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ON BULK
PIPELINE**

Headways Made, We Now Reaping the Benefits of the Five-Day Operation

The recent Planned Water Supply Interruption conducted from Thursday, 29 May to Tuesday, 03 June 2025 has resulted in the withdrawal of the daily Nightly Water Supply Interruption - 21:00 to 04:00 - that has been in effect for more than a year.

In putting the withdrawal of the Nightly Water Supply Interruption to the test, we have already gone three (3) days into an uninterrupted supply. The supply of water to residents of Kimberley and Riverton is now all-day and every day, and when interruptions are experienced, possibly due to burst pipes or other supply faults, residents are encouraged to contact the Call-Centre at 080 122 9010.

Significantly, we have been able to curb excessive water losses from the bulk pipeline and directing this critical commodity towards our reservoirs.

The citywide five-day interruption achieved the repair of 16 major and other minor leaks on the 35km bulk pipeline – 600mm and 900mm diameters, including maintenance work that entailed the replacement of leaking valves and the installation of pressure regulating valves.

The operation has been funded by the Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI), a seven-year grant worth R2.5 billion, allocated to the municipality by National Treasury as a robust water infrastructure investment aimed at guaranteeing reliable and uninterrupted access to water.

Newton Reservoir Levels Are Beyond Satisfactory

We experienced significant water levels recovery despite the impact of having drawn water from the reservoirs, especially the 102 megalitre reservoir, for relief water supply during the Planned Water Supply Interruption. Unlike in April 2024, when the previous Planned Water Supply Interruption was carried out, there has been no need to embark on a prolonged water recovery programme. We are cognizant of the fact that having carried out the operation in winter when the demand is low, was a major contributing factor to the current heartening state of water supply.

Reservoir Levels at 15:00 on Wednesday, 11 June 2025

Tank Number	Capacity	Desired levels	Current reservoir levels	Capacity
1.	102 Mega litres	17 feet	15.10 feet	80% full
2.	91 Mega litres	17 feet	15.03 feet	80% full
3.	45 Mega litres	17 feet	16.04 feet	90% full
4.	23 Mega litres	17 feet	16.03 feet	90% full

We Thank All Residents for Their Cooperation and Support

We are eternally grateful for the unwavering cooperation and support received from all sectors of society. We truly appreciate the positive feedback into the technical work and communication efforts, proving that the public is receptive of our good intentions aimed at fixing our water infrastructure.

The Planned Water Supply Interruption of the past week has been a turning point; we had by far less theft and vandalism of JoJo tank incidents.

Equally, we wish to extend our gratitude to all residents who heeded the call to store water as we experienced short queues at filling points of our Relief Water Supply arrangements.

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