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Office of the Executive Mayor

IMPORATNT PUBLIC NOTICE

DATE: 8TH JULY 2016

TO: Local Municipalities

Traditional Leaders

Communities

Business Sector and other stakeholders

RE: EMINENT SHORTAGE OF WATER SUPPLY DUE TO DROUGHT AFFECTING FLAG BOSHIELO DAM AND OLIPHANTSPOORT SCHEME

This communique serves to alert communities, businesses and stakeholders about implementation and enforcement of water restrictions within the areas of Ephriam Mogale Local Municipality (Flag Boshielo Dam) and Fetakgomo Local Municipality (Oliphantspoort Scheme) due to drought that has severely affected the dam levels of the affected areas.

Department of Water and Sanitation has sent a warning to the Municipality as well as our water provider, Lepelle Northern Water about reduction of raw water to both Flag Boshielo and Oliphantspoort schemes resulting in reduction of supply of potable water to the two affected areas of Ephraim Mogale and Fetakgomo municipalities

Currently the situation is such that the dam levels at Flag Boshielo has dropped tremendously below 27% and continue to drop at faster rate. There is a huge possibility of the dam becoming dry if rain is not received by August 2016. The situation of Flag Boshielo Dam has a direct negative bearing on areas supplied by Oliphantspoort scheme.

To this effect the municipality working together with Lepelle Northern Water and Department of Water and Sanitation will roll out a drought awareness campaign to inform the communities about the situation and its implications.

We appeal to our communities, businesses and other users to sparingly use the available water and also ensure that water loss is eliminated. Activities which consume lots of clean water such as gardening, car washes, should be minimised. Households are also encouraged to practice prudent usage of water such as taking shorter showers, closing taps after use etc.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this and further call on your full cooperation and support.

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