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### Media statement

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### Department in the right trajectory to make water available for Naledi Community

**Mahikeng-** The Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs is on the right track to accelerate water provision in the greater Naledi Local Municipality. This follows the water interruptions which has been experienced by the community from time to time. The Department acknowledges the inconvenience which has been faced by the people of Naledi in the past and appreciate their patience to allow Department to unblock these water challenges expeditiously.

Last week MEC Kegakilwe has met with various stakeholders to unblock water challenges around Naledi local Municipality. These stakeholders included officials from National Department of water and sanitation, Sedibeng water officials and both Executive Mayors of Naledi local municipality and Dr. Ruth Segomotso Mompoti.

Furthermore, Department wish to put it on record and confirm that, 3,2 million was spent on equipping four boreholes and water storage at Armoedsvlakte. As a result of these interventions, water provision has improved, though it is not enough to a level where Department would want it to be ; this is a work in progress.

The Department has also done some great work in improving the management of the reservoirs around Naledi local municipality to minimize interruptions of water provision. In addition, the Naledi Local Municipality has also embarked on a programme with Sedibeng to fill the high towers of both Extension 25 and Huhudi reservoirs. The intention is to restrict water during normal times so that Huhudi should have sufficient water. Currently Sedibeng is repairing the bulk pipeline between Pudumong and Naledi managing bulk supply of water to Naledi.

With these interventions, Department remains convinced that water provision will improve drastically to serve the community.

MEC Kegakilwe has appealed to the greater community of Naledi not destroy and vandalize water infrastructure. " We want to call upon to all the community of Naledi to work with government in safeguarding water infrastructure; vandalism of sewer and water infrastructure must come to an end, because that is the reason why we are faced with some of these challenges today." Charged Kegakilwe

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