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PRESS STATEMENT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO THE EDITOR

SUBJECT: MPUMALANGA PREMIER TO VISIT WATER TREATMENT PLANTS IN BUSHBUCKRIDGE

The Premier of Mpumalanga Province Honourable David Mabuza will tomorrow, the 19th of April 2012 kick start his visit to water treatment plants in Bushbuckridge at Inyaka Water Treatment Plant, at 10 o'clock in the morning to ascertain what hinders water supply to communities. Bushbuckridge Local municipality is one of the few municipalities in Mpumalanga with a huge water supply backlogs.

The Municipality relies entirely on boreholes and water tankers to supply affected communities with water whilst the municipality awaits the completion of Inyaka bulk line water supply project. Other water treatment plants to be visited by the honourable Premier include: Acornhoek, Mkhuhlu, Thulamahashe and Shatale water treatment plant. The Premier's visit to water treatment plants forms part of the Provincial Administration water intervention support to distressed areas.

In his 2012 State of the Province Address, the Premier stated that water problems in the Province are been exacerbated by the fact that most municipalities are grant dependent hence the Provincial Administration is going to help to ensure that the Province meet government 's 2014 target of full access by everyone.

The Premier further alluded that working together with the department of Water Affairs, they will move with speed to finalise Acornhoek pipeline. The Acornhoek pipeline stretches for about 28 km and will distribute purified water to more than 95 communities. Members of the media are invited to join the premier in his visit to water treatment plants.

Kind regards

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