

MEDIA RELEASE

MMTS-2: Handover Ceremony of Houses

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The Department of Water and Sanitation through its agency the Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) is in the final stages of handing over 36 houses to the families that were requested to move from the Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme- Phase 2 project area. The families were relocated in order for the impoundment of the dam to happen. The Relocation Action Plan has now been implemented. Some families chose the purchase option, whereas others opted for the construction of new homes in the chiefdom areas or in a new township development on a property TCTA purchased along the Greytown Road in Mooi River. The official hand-over of these houses to beneficiaries will be jointly officiated by the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Hon. Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, and the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Hon. Mr Senzo Mchunu, MPL on 15 December 2015.

Project Background

The Mgeni Water System in KwaZulu-Natal supplies water to approximately five million people, as well as the industrial sectors in the Durban and Pietermaritzburg regions, the economic hubs of the province. The growth in water demand and intermittent drought periods since 2003 made it necessary for the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to implement Phase 2 of the Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme phase 2 (MMTS-2) as an emergency project to address the need for augmentation of the supplies to these downstream areas. The Minister of Water and Sanitation directed the Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) to fund and implement MMTS-2, which consisted of the construction of the Spring Grove Dam, three gauging weirs and the realignment of access roads. The project comprises of the construction of a 37.7-m-high dam on the Mooi River next to Rosetta, with a storage capacity of 139.5 m³ and augmentation of the existing water transfer system through the construction of a pump station and pipeline. The project will increase the current yield of the Mooi-Mgeni System by 60 m³ /a to 394 m³ /a. The project increases the available water resources in Umgeni Water's area of supply, which comprises the six municipalities of eThekweni Metropolitan, uMgungundlovu District Municipality and the local municipalities of Msunduzi, UGu, and Ilembe. Impoundment of the dam began on 26 March 2013 and permission to fully impound was given on 13 June 2013. In the 2013/14 rainy season the dam spilled, thus

ensuring that the system was at full capacity at the commencement of the current drought. Construction is now complete and the dam was commissioned and handed over to DWS for operation and maintenance on 3 March 2014.

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Invitation to the Mooi Mgeni Transfer Scheme Housing Hand Over Ceremony



Ms. Nomvula Mokonyane, Minister of Water and Sanitation cordially invites you to the Mooi-Mgeni Transfer Scheme Housing Hand Over Ceremony

*Date : Tuesday, 15 December 2015
Time : 10h00 am
Venue : Bruntville Township (next to the Clinic),
Mooi River, KwaZulu-Natal*

Please RSVP and send dietary requirements to rsvp@tcta.co.za, closing date is Friday, 11 December 2015

