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TRADITIONAL LEADERS COMMENT ON THE MZIMVUBU WATER PROJECT

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This week the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) held a stakeholder engagement session with traditional leaders in the Mhlontlo Local Municipality to inform them about the developments concerning the Mzimvubu water project. A detailed presentation on the progress concerning the Mzimvubu water project was presented for the benefit of the local traditional leaders.

It was emphasised that the people must be given the truth about the benefits that they will derive from the project. They should not be given false hope as that has a potential to cause problems going forward. It was said that the design phase of the project is 80% complete and it should be finished in the next month or so. The project is estimated to cost about R12.3 billion.

The traditional leaders welcomed the project and were excited by the fact that it will create close to 7000 jobs. Secondly, they appreciated the consultation process by the government particularly with themselves as traditional leaders because in some cases they are left out. They committed to working with the government to speed up the process so that the project becomes a reality. They were also happy to hear that the project will contribute towards improving infrastructure development in their area.

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