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<b>SUBJECT</b>	MEDIA INQUIRY ABOUT WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS IN OLIFANTSHOEK

**1. Why is there no constant reliable water supply to residents and businesses in Olifantshoek? What is the problem?**

Olifantshoek has two sources of water supply, Vaal River water supply system and underground water sources owned and operated by the municipality. The Vaal River system is operated and owned by Vaal Central Water. The Vaal system demand is around 70 MI/day and the scheme can only yield 30 MI/day through Vaal river and export water from Kolomela and Sishen Mines. The deficit is due to aged infrastructure and growth of population around the Postmasburg and Kalagadi manganese basin mining area.

**2. What is the solution to get rid of the problems and have a regular reliable water supply?**

Vaal Central Water is refurbishing the Vaal Water supply scheme, the project started in 2016 and is divided into two phases. Phase one being the pipeline between Roscue (Olifantshoek N14 turn off) to Blackrock for 80 km which was completed in July 2023 and is operational. Phase two entails the refurbishment of pipeline and pump stations from Delportshoop to Roscue which is in the final planning stage. It is divided in 10 work packages which will be implemented in stages based on criticality. Pipeline between Postmasburg (Beeshoek pump station) and Glouscester reservoir is critical to allow Kolomela and Vaal water system for maximum flow of water. Municipality is also busy in augmenting supply through its underground sources (boreholes).

**3. What are the costs of these solutions?**

The cost of implementing Phase 2 is around R10.8 Billion for the refurbishment of Vaal water supply system and source development to augment surface water, equipping and connecting boreholes around Postmassburg and Hotazel.

**4. Who will implement a solution, and by when will it be done?**

The project to be implemented by Vaal Central Water working together with the Department of Water and Sanitation. It is a multi-year project and is expected to resume in 2025.

Regards,



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