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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY****No. 1038****21 October 2005****RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL, DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES IN THE LUVUVHULETABA WATER MANAGEMENT AREA.**

By virtue of the powers vested in me under section 63 read together with section 72 of the National Water Act, 1998, I Jabulani Isaac Sindane, in my capacity as Director General of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry:

- (a) Declare that a serious water shortage exists in the catchment of the Great Letaba, the Klein Letaba and the Luvuvhu Rivers.
- (b) Direct in terms of Item 6(1)(i) of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act that as from the date of publication of this Notice: -
  - (i) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding Schedule 1 use) from the Dap Naude, Ebenezer and Tzaneen Dams or water released from Ebenezer and Tzaneen Dams in the Great Letaba River and abstracted from the river, be limited to 70% of all entitlements.
  - (ii) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes abstracted from the Letaba River at Nkambako be limited to 76 000 cubic metre and at Nondweni be limited to 21 000 cubic metre per month.
  - (iii) The taking of water for agricultural purposes from the Ebenezer Dam or water released from Ebenezer Dam in the Great Letaba River and abstracted from the river be limited to 20% of all entitlements.
  - (iv) The taking of water for agricultural purposes from the Tzaneen Dam or water released from the Tzaneen Dam in the Great Letaba River and abstracted from the river be limited to 20% of entitlements. The Agricultural Sector is permitted to pump floodwater from the reach in the Letaba River between the confluence of the Letsitele River and the Kruger National Park's Western boundary. Flood water can only be abstracted downstream of the tributary that brings in the floodwater and only for the period that all the weirs downstream of this tributary spills more than 2 cubic metres per second. These takings must be metered and booked against the monthly

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quota abstracted and must be monitored and controlled by the Letaba Water User Association and reported to the Area Manager.

- (v) The flow of water in the Great Letaba River, released from Tzaneen Dam, to the Kruger National Park at Letaba Ranch be reduced from 0.6 cubic meters per second to 0.25 cubic meters per second.
- (vi) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding Schedule 1 use) from the Magoebaskloof Dam be limited to 80% of all entitlements.
- (vii) The taking of water for agricultural purposes from the Magoebaskloof Dam be limited to 50% of all entitlements.
- (viii) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding Schedule 1 use) from the Thabina Dam be limited to 50% of entitlements.
- (ix) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding Schedule 1 use) from the Thapani Dam be limited to 50% of entitlements.
- (x) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding Schedule 1 use) from the Modjadji Dam be limited to 80% of entitlements.
- (xi) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding Schedule 1 use) from the Middle Letaba and Nsami Dams be limited to 80% of entitlements.
- (xii) The taking of water for agricultural purposes from the Middle Letaba and Nsami Dams be limited to 50% of entitlements.
- (xiii) The taking of water for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding Schedule 1 use) from the Albasini Dam be limited to 70% of entitlements.
- (xiv) The taking of water for agricultural purposes from the Albasini Dam be limited to 20% of entitlements.

This notice overrides any other or previous authorization issued by the Department relating to these areas.

  
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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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