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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS****No. 514****10 June 2010**

**RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AND FOR USE BY NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY FROM THE GAMTOOS RIVER GOVERNMENT WATER SCHEME (THE KOUGA DAM AND THE GAMTOOS CANAL) AND FROM THE KROMME RIVER GOVERNMENT WATER SCHEME (THE IMPOFU DAM) AND FROM THE CHURCHILL DAM, ON THE KROMME RIVIER, IN THE FISH-TO-TSITSIKAMMA WATER MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA 15) IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

By virtue of the powers vested in me in Section 63, read together with Section 72, of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), I, Nobubele Ngele, in my capacity as Acting Director General of the Department of Water Affairs -

- (a) Am of the opinion that a water shortage exists in the Kouga Dam of the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme, in the Impofu Dam of the Kromme River Government Water Scheme and the Churchill Dam on the Kromme River; and,
- (b) Direct, in terms of Section 6(1)(i) of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act, 1998, that as for the period from 1 August 2009 until 30 June 2010, or until any further Notice is published in this regard, that: -
  - (i) The taking of water by the Gamtoos Irrigation Board for agricultural use from the Kouga Dam be reduced to 43 million cubic metres/annum (70% of the uncurtailed use); and,
  - (ii) The taking of water by the towns of Hankey and Patensie for domestic and industrial purposes (excluding uses as described in Schedule 1 of the National Water Act, 1998) from the Kouga Dam be reduced to 0.43 and 0.37 million cubic metres/annum for Hankey and Patensie respectively (85% of the uncurtailed use); and,
  - (iii) The taking of water by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality from the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme be restricted to the usage of all of the natural runoff from the Loerie Dam catchment and the operational spillages from the Gamtoos Canal; and,
  - (iv) The taking of water by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality from the Impofu and Churchill Dams be restricted to 34 million cubic metres/annum (70% of the uncurtailed use); and,
  - (v) The taking of water by irrigators for agricultural use from the Kromme River is restricted to 5 600 cubic metres/hectare/annum (70% of the uncurtailed use), and,

- (vi) Should the storage in the Kouga Dam increase to 115.44 million cubic metres (90% of the full supply capacity) before 30 June 2010, then the restriction on the Gamtoos Irrigation Board for agricultural use shall be revised and increased to 59.9 million cubic metres/annum (100% of the uncurtailed use), and the restriction on the towns of Hankey and Patensie for domestic and industrial purposes shall be revised and increased to 0.49 and 0.43 million cubic metres/annum for Hankey and Patensie respectively (100% of the uncurtailed use); and,
- (vii) Should the storage in the Impofu Dam increase to 74.7 million cubic metres (70% of full supply capacity) before 30 June 2010, then the restriction on the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality from the Impofu and the Churchill Dams, shall be revised and increased to 48 million cubic metres/annum (100% of the uncurtailed use); and, the restriction on the taking of water by irrigators for agricultural use from the Kromme River shall be revised and increased to 8 000 cubic metres/hectare/annum (100% of the uncurtailed use),

This Notice overrides any other previous authorization on water restrictions issued by the Department relating to this area.

  
ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL: DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS

DATE: - 9-2-2010

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