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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS**No. 640****5 August 2011****RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USE FROM THE ALGOA WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, 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, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), I, Trevor Ian Balzer, in my capacity as the Acting Director General of the Department of Water Affairs -

- (a) Am of the opinion that a water shortage exists in the Impofu Dam of the Kromme River Government Water Scheme, and in 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 (Act No. 36 of 1998), that as for the period from 1 July 2011 until 30 June 2012, or until any further Notice that is published in this regard, that:-
 - (i) The taking of water by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality from all its sources, collectively the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme (the Kouga Dam and the Gamtoos Canal), the Kromme River Government Water Scheme (the Impofu Dam) and the Churchill Dam, the Lower Sundays River Government Water Scheme (the Nooitgedacht Water Treatment Works), the Groendal Dam, the Uitenhage Springs, the Sand River Dam, the Bulk River Dam and the Upper and the Lower Van Stadens River Dams, be restricted by 10% (90% of the uncurtailed use); and,
 - (ii) That the use of all of the natural runoff from the Loerie Dam catchment is unrestricted and may be utilised from the Loerie Dam by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, in addition to the restricted allocation from the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme (the Kouga Dam and the Gamtoos Canal); and,
 - (iii) The taking of water by the irrigators for agricultural use from the Kromme River is restricted to 6400 cubic metres/hectare/annum (80% of the uncurtailed allocation), and,
 - (iv) Should the storage in the Kromme River System, the Churchill Dam and the Impofu Dam collectively, increase to 85% of the full supply capacity before 30 June 2012, then the restrictions shall be revised.

This Notice overrides any other previous authorisation on the water restrictions issued by the Department relating to this area and to the users and infrastructure mentioned in this Notice.



ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL
DATE: 19/07/2011