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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **UPDATE: RAND WATER MAKING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WITH PLANNED MAINTENANCE SCHEDULED FROM MAY TO JULY 2025**

Rand Water has communicated that it is undertaking critical maintenance on its key infrastructure. The maintenance project which commenced on Thursday, 29 May 2025 forms part of Rand Water's commitment of ensuring a sustainable and efficient water supply.

The objective of this planned maintenance is to increase capacity and improve plant availability, reliability, and operational efficiency, thereby supporting a more resilient and adaptable water supply network in preparation for the anticipated high demand season from mid-August 2025.

The organisation is pleased to announce the significant progress achieved thus far, including the successful connection of the newly constructed B16 pipeline, which will supply water from the new Station 5A at the Zuikerbosch Water Treatment Plant. Additionally, the Russel Road meter has been installed, and Sasolburg Reservoir 1 has been cleaned.

Rand Water will be moving to the next phase of the planned maintenance scheduled to commence on Monday, 30 June and the last work will be completed on Wednesday, 18 July 2025. Maintenance activities will commence at different times and locations across various municipalities.

In the upcoming maintenance phase, pumping capacity will be reduced at the Eikenhof, Zwartkopjes, and Palmiet systems. Consequently, areas within the cities of Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, and Tshwane may experience low water pressure or intermittent supply. The maintenance may also impact water supply to the local municipalities of Rand West, Mogale City, Merafong, Madibeng, Lesedi, Govan Mbeki, Rustenburg, Royal Bafokeng, and nearby mines and industries.

The maintenance work has been strategically scheduled during the low consumption months of May to July 2025 to minimise disruptions and better manage the potential impact on water supply. The scope of work and its associated impact are outlined below:

#### **City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality**

<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Affected system</b>	<b>Planned date</b>	<b>Planned duration</b>	<b>Impact on supply</b>
1	Zwartkopjes Station valves replacements	Zwartkopjes System	From 30 June at 05h00 to 02 July 2025 at 07h00	50 hours	No pumping for the duration of the maintenance work.

The above-mentioned work will affect the City of Ekurhuleni meters that are supplied from the above-mentioned system.

#### **City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality**

<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Affected system</b>	<b>Planned date</b>	<b>Planned duration</b>	<b>Impact on supply</b>
1	Pipe leak repairs at Zuikerbosch Plant	Eikenhof System	30 June 2025 from 05h00 to 02 July 2025 at 08h00.	48 hours	Pumping at Eikenhof will be reduced by 600MI/day for 48 hours.
2	Zwartkopjes Station valves replacements	Zwartkopjes System	30 June from 05h00 to 02 July 2025 until 07h00	50 hours	No pumping for the duration of the maintenance work.
3	Leak repairs on the O2 pipeline	Palmiet System	15 July 2025 from 05h00 to 18 July 2025 at 08h00	75 hours	Pumping will be reduced to 1200 MI/day during the maintenance work (pumping at 67%).

The above-mentioned work will affect the City of Johannesburg meters that are supplied by the above-mentioned systems

**Mogale, Merafong, Madibeng, Royal Bafokeng, Rustenburg and Rand West Local Municipalities and Mines & industries.**

<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Affected system</b>	<b>Planned date</b>	<b>Planned duration</b>	<b>Impact on supply</b>
1	Pipe leak repairs at Zuikerbosch Plant	Eikenhof System	30 June 2025 from 05h00 to 02 July 2025 at 05h00.	48 hours	Pumping at Eikenhof will be reduced by 600MI/d) for 48 hours.

The above-mentioned work will affect the City of Johannesburg, Mogale, Merafong, Royal Bafokeng, Madibeng, Rustenburg, Rand West and Mines & industries meters that are supplied by the Eikenhof system.

**Madibeng Local Municipality**

<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Affected system</b>	<b>Planned date</b>	<b>Planned duration</b>	<b>Impact on supply</b>
1	Leak repairs on the O2 pipeline	Palmiet System	15 July 2025 from 05h00 to 18 July 2025 at 08h00	75 hours	Pumping at the Palmiet Pumping Station will be reduced to 1,200 MI/day during the maintenance work (pumping at 67%).

The above-mentioned work will affect Madibeng Local Municipality meters that are supplied by the above-mentioned systems.

**City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality**

<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Affected system</b>	<b>Planned date</b>	<b>Planned duration</b>	<b>Impact on supply</b>
1	Hartebeeshoek Reservoir Cleaning	Palmiet System	03 July 2025 from 07h00 to 18 July 2025 at 19h00	16 days	There will be significant impact especially on high lying areas of Soshanguve.
2	Leak repairs on the O2 pipeline	Palmiet System	15 July 2025 from 05h00 to 18 July 2025 at 08h00	75 hours	Pumping at the Palmiet Pumping Station will be reduced to 1,200 MI/day during the maintenance work (pumping at 67%).

The above-mentioned work will affect the City of Tshwane meters that are supplied by the above-mentioned system.

The affected or potentially affected municipalities will advise consumers on the expected extent and impact of any water supply disruption in their respective areas. Consumers are encouraged to follow details from their respective metros and local municipalities.

Rand Water will provide regular updates via its official communication channels and social media platforms to keep customers informed of ongoing progress.

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