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Mzimvubu water project update

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The Minister and Deputy Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation Mrs. Nomvula Mokonyane and Mrs. Pamela Tshwete (MP) respectively met with the Eastern Cape Government and traditional leaders to give an update and discuss progress on the Mzimvubu water project at Mthatha Dam Resort on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

The Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) has been appointed by the Minister as the implementing agent to manage and source funding for the Mzimvubu water project. A decision has been taken that a project management office will be established very close to the project site. Also, a project charter will be finalised in June 2017 which will outline the scope of work and processes to be followed among other things.

A total of 5500 jobs will be created during construction of the project and 3700 permanent jobs will be created for operation. The capacity of Ntabelanga Dam is projected to be 100mgl. This dam will be used for irrigation, domestic and recreation purposes. Lalini Dam will be used to also generate hydropower.

The project is envisaged to start in 2017 and end in 2022. Just over 700 000 people from the three (3) district municipalities will benefit from the project namely, Alfred Nzo, Joe Gqabi and O.R Tambo.

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