 

**PRESS RELEASE STATEMENT 02 OCTOBER 2013**

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**NOTICE**

**WATER OUTAGE**

Makana Municipality is experiencing water outages due to the stripping of water pump at Howiesonspoort Dam. A specialist was called to check the problem and he suspected that the stripping is caused by the low water level at the dam.

As from Friday 27 September our electricians and operators are monitoring the level at Howiesonspoort Dam. They pump from Settlers Dam to Howiesonspoort Dam with the pump switched off at Howiesonspoort Dam so that it can start running when the water level is high.

Our technicians have managed to align the motor yesterday 01/10/13 and the divers have unblocked the sifts making it possible for water to run but at a low pressure. There will be possible on and off outages anticipated due to the low water levels at Howiesonspoort Dam.

Reservoir levels are: High level = 55%; Intermediate level = 65%; low level = 95%. We will continue with the monitoring and have to store 20% to help so that the pumps do not run dry, while pumping 80%.

There are trucks delivering to the affected areas. Residents can call our Fire Department at **(046) 603 6000 between 16h00 – 20h00** or Engineering Department at **(046) 603 6063 between 08h00 – 16h30** when they need water to be delivered.

We humbly apologise for the inconvenience, we are trying all our best to restore water to the community.