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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS

No. 295

6 April 2011

RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USE FROM THE GAMTOOS RIVER GOVERNMENT WATER SCHEME (THE KOGUA 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, AND FROM THE GROENDAL DAM ON THE KWAZUNGA RIVER, IN THE FISH-TO-TSITSIKAMMA WATER MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA 15) IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

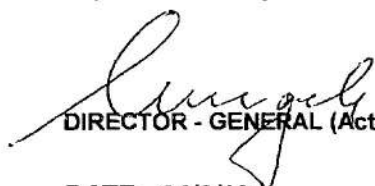
I, Nobubele Ngele, by virtue of the powers vested in me in Section 63, read together with Section 72, of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), and in my capacity as Acting Director General of the Department of Water Affairs -

- (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, in the Churchill Dam on the Kromme River and in the Groendal Dam on the KwaZunga River; and,
- (b) Direct, in terms of Section 6(1)(i) of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act, 1998, that for the period from 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2011, or until any further Notice that is published in this regard, that: -
 - (i) The taking of water by the Gamtoos Irrigation Board for agricultural use from the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme (the Kouga Dam and the Gamtoos Canal) be reduced to 23.8 million cubic metres/annum (40% of the uncurtailed allocation); and,
 - (ii) Should the level of the Kouga Dam decrease to 30%, or less, of the Full Supply Capacity, then the taking of water by the Gamtoos Irrigation Board for agricultural use from the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme (the Kouga Dam and the Gamtoos Canal) will be reduced to 20.9 million cubic metres/annum (30% of the uncurtailed allocation); and,
 - (iii) The taking of water by the towns of Hankey and Patensie for domestic and industrial purposes from the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme (the Kouga Dam and the Gamtoos Canal) be reduced to 0.43 and 0.37 million cubic metres/annum for Hankey and Patensie respectively (85% of the uncurtailed allocation); and,
 - (iv) The taking of water by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality from the Gamtoos River Government Water Scheme (the Kouga Dam and the Gamtoos Canal) be restricted to 13.8 million cubic metres/annum (60% of the uncurtailed allocation); and,
 - (v) 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,

- (v) The taking of water by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality from the Kromme River Government Water Scheme (the Impofu Dam) and the Churchill Dam, collectively, be restricted to 34.27 million cubic metres/annum (90% of the uncurtailed allocation); and,
- (vi) The taking of water by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality from the Groendal Dam on the KwaZunga River be restricted to 90% of the average annual uncurtailed use for the period from July 2005 to June 2010; and,
- (vii) The taking of water by irrigators for agricultural use from the Kromme River is restricted to 3 200 cubic metres/hectare/annum (40% of the uncurtailed allocation),
- (viii) The taking of water by irrigators for agricultural use from the Groendal Dam on the KwaZunga River is restricted to 3 200 cubic metres/hectare/annum (40% of the uncurtailed allocation)

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


DIRECTOR - GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 24/8/10