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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

NO. 221

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INTEGRATED VAAL RIVER SYSTEM – WITHDRAWAL OF WATER RESTRICTIONS ON URBAN AND IRRIGATION PURPOSES IN THE CATCHMENT AREAS OF THE DAMS SUPPLYING THE INTEGRATED VAAL RIVER SYSTEM AND FROM THE SYSTEM

By virtue of the powers vested in me under section 63 read with section 72 of the National Water Act, No. 36, 1998. I, **Dan Metlana Gorbachev Mashitsho**, in my capacity as Director-General of the Department of Water and Sanitation, on reasonable grounds,

- a) Believe that a water shortage no longer exists in the Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) comprising of the main stem of the Vaal River including other areas within Inter-basin transfers from Thukela sub-system, Usutu subsystem, Inkomati, Heyshope and Zaaihoek subsystem;
- b) Therefore in my capacity as the Director-General of the Department of Water and Sanitation, I hereby under delegated authority give notice to withdraw the water restrictions on urban and irrigation purposes within the Integrated Vaal River System and;
- a) Hereby withdraw Government Notice No. 910 of 12 August 2016. However, emphasize that South Africa remains a water scarce country and all efforts to use water efficiently need to continue.

This notice overrides any other previous authorisation on water restrictions issued by the Department relating to this area.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL**DATE:** 09/03/2017