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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION**

NO. 1297

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**WATER RESEARCH LEVY 2019/20 – RATES AND CHARGES: INCREASE OF 10%**

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of Section 11 of the Water Research Act, 1971 (Act No. 34 of 1971), I, L N SISULU, in my capacity as the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, hereby give notice of the increase in the Water Research Levy by 10% for the period 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

(1) The following rates and charges will be applicable as from 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020:

- (a) Six hundred and ninety two cents (692c) per each hectare of irrigation land of which the water use is permissible during 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 in terms of Section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), or in respect of which an allocation has been made under Chapter 4 of the National Water Act for the irrigation thereof at any given time during the said period, with water supplied or made available from any government water work. These rates and charges shall be recovered by or on the instructions of the Director-General: Water and Sanitation, simultaneously with any other charge which I may make in respect of the land concerned during the said period in terms of Section 57 of the National Water Act or, if no such charge is made, the charge shall be payable upon demand to the Director-General: Water and Sanitation.
- (b) The amount mentioned in (1)(a) above shall apply in respect of each hectare of land permitted under the control of an irrigation board or other water management institution established in terms of the National Water Act for the irrigation of land at any time during the said period of such board or institution with water supplied or made available from a government water work or a water work belonging to such board or institution. This charge shall be recovered by the irrigation board or statutory body concerned and shall be remitted to the Director-General: Water and Sanitation within thirty (30) days of the close of the financial year of that irrigation board or statutory body.
- (c) With effect from 01 July 2019, six comma seventy three cents (6,73c) per cubic meter in respect of metered water supplied or made available from a government water work for purposes other than the irrigation of land: Provided that if a free allocation had been made to a specific consumer from a government water work, the said charge shall not apply to that allocation as it shall be deemed to be water supplied from his/her own sources by the consumer concerned. These charges shall be recovered by the Director-General: Water and Sanitation, simultaneously with any charge which I may make in terms of Section 57 of the National Water Act in respect of the supply of water as from the said period or shall be payable to him/her upon demand.
- (d) With effect from 01 July 2019, six comma seventy three cents (6,73c) per cubic meter in respect of the quantity of water supplied or made available for use for urban, industrial or domestic purposes by a statutory body or water management institution established in terms of the National Water Act or by any other water services institution as defined in terms of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997): Provided that there shall be deduction from the total quantity of water supplied or made available after 01 July 2019 by any one of the above-mentioned suppliers the quantity of water supplied or made available from a government water work as contemplated in paragraph (1)(c) or (d) has already been paid. The total

amount payable in terms of this paragraph in respect of water supplied or made available shall be remitted by the supplier concerned, so as to reach the Director-General: Water and Sanitation, Private Bag X313, Pretoria, 0001.

- (e) The audited statements prescribed in terms of Section 11(3)(b) of the Water Research Act shall be submitted as soon as possible after the payments mentioned in paragraph (1)(d) have been made.
- (2) If such rates and charges remain wholly or partly unpaid after the due date, interest shall be charged in terms of Section 80(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) as amended, on the outstanding amount at a rate determined from time by the Minister of Finance, on loans granted out of a Revenue Fund.
- (3) For the purpose of this notice, one cubic meter shall be equal to one kilolitre.
- (4) The effect date of this Notice is 01 July 2019.



**L N SISULU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION**