

## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

NO. 3205

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**DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHWEIZER-RENEKE IRRIGATION BOARD IN TERMS OF SECTION 98 (2) OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 36 OF 1998) AS AMENDED, DISESTABLISHING AN IRRIGATION BOARD IN TERMS OF SECTION 96 IN LINE WITH THE LAW UNDER WHICH IT WAS ESTABLISHED OR NEED TO BE DISESTABLISHED BEING THE WATER ACT (ACT 54 OF 1956 SECTION 78).**

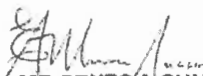
Under and by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 98(2) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) read with section 78(1) of the Water Act, 1956 (Act No. 54 of 1956), and following a petition of the persons representing the majority of votes according to the latest voters list of who has voted in favor of the disestablishment, I, S Mchunu, in my capacity as Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby disestablish the Schweizer-Reneke Irrigation board as in terms of section 78(1) of the Water Act, 1956 (Act No. 54 of 1956)

The application for disestablishment was lodged because since early 2000 very little irrigation took place in the Schweizer Reneke Irrigation District mainly because of decreasing run-off to the dam and increased municipal water use.

During 2007 the Schweizer Reneke Irrigation Board transferred their water entitlement to Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality in terms of which the district municipality purchased their water use entitlement. This agreement enabled the board to clear its debts and had the added benefit of ensuring that the district municipality is in a position to meet the growing demand for domestic and industrial water supply in the area.

The board has not held a meeting in any of the last twelve consecutive months and the board also applied for its disestablishment.

A committee of the Department advised the Minister that the matters of the Schweizer Reneke Irrigation Board were properly wrapped up. Therefor the Schweizer Reneke Irrigation Board. can be disestablished.



**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
**DATE: 30/09/2022**