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HON MINISTER LINDIWE SISULU MP

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION

PER EMAIL

Dear Minister Sisulu,

RE: INTERVENTION IN DROUGHT DISASTER – NELSON MANDELA BAY

Thank you for your acknowledgment of receipt and the undertaking to revert back to me in respect of my earlier correspondences herein.

Further to the aforementioned correspondence I wish to request, specifically, that you consider - if possible given the current COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent establishment of the National Disaster Water Command Centre - to second a water infrastructure engineer to Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM).

The envisioned role of said water infrastructure engineer would be to oversee our drought mitigation plans and, more specifically, the infrastructure projects relating to the reticulation of water from the Nootgedacht-scheme to the Western and Southern parts of NMBMM.

It has become glaringly obvious that the lack of engineers in the water and sanitation department has resulted in an overreliance in consulting engineers.

Even though the administration has many hardworking and dedicated municipal officials in the water and sanitation department, it is virtually impossible for these officials to properly oversee the work of the contractors, as there is no in-house expertise relating to civil works.

Your further favourable consideration herein will be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Retief Odendaal, MPL