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City's new 35 million litre water reservoir enhancing service delivery

The City of Cape Town today, 20 April 2018, officially opened its new 35 million litre Spes Bona reservoir in the Durbanville area. Read more below:



The new reservoir, which was constructed at a cost of R53 million, is situated next to the existing 15 million litre reservoir. It has also been connected to the existing reservoir thereby effectively creating a single 50 million litre reservoir for this burgeoning area. Investing in large-scale water infrastructure projects remains vital for the City to be able to continue to provide reliable services to all of its residents.

The elevated setting on a hill, some 5 km from Durbanville, is the perfect location for the reservoir. The City has also been able to use the existing pipeline that supplies water from the Voëlvlei bulk water pipeline to these reservoirs while the existing pipeline that supplies water to the Durbanville area is also being used.

The design of the reservoir started in July 2014. The construction period was 18 months and was completed in November 2017.

'This reservoir will feed Fisantekraal, which includes the Greenville Garden Cities housing development, the greater Durbanville area and the higher-lying areas in Brackenfell, among other areas. It is absolutely necessary that we invest in and maintain our water infrastructure. Such water projects are funded by tariffs that are used to provide reliable water services provision to our growing city.

'To put the project scale into perspective, the volume of water that this reservoir holds is equal to 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools or to use another example, if one fills 2-litre cold drink

bottles with water and places them in a single line, it would span a distance of some 250 km,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Area North, Councillor Suzette Little.

'We thank our residents and the community for their support during the construction of this project. Enhanced service delivery and proactive infrastructure planning in our communities is vital to ensure that our city and communities go from strength-to-strength,' said Councillor Little.

This project is in line with the City's Organisational Development and Transformation Plan.