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STLM Update on water crisis

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Acting Municipal Manager, Mandla Mnguni wishes to apologise to businesses and residents in Middelburg CBD, Kanonkop and Eastdene who have been adversely affected by the lack of water since 12 noon on Monday 03 February 2015.

The Water and Sanitation department is monitoring the reservoir levels after every six hours. The drop in the level of water at Vliegvelde was observed around noon on the 2nd of February 2015. The level at that stage was 56% and the usual procedure is to open the valve in Jeppe Street in order to augment the supply from the Mandela bulk line.

The Civil department is currently checking for possible closed valves along the supply route and also for possible water leaks into the storm water system which is not visible from the surface

The Deputy Director of Water and Sanitation, Rudolf Boucher said that he has never seen the CBD without water like this in 40 years. "We have usually been able to supply water to the CBD even when there are problems elsewhere. We are in the ninth day without water and the department is urgently trying to find the cause of the problem."

The Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue put a contingency plan in place in the CBD using fire engines and tankers to supply businesses, banks and supermarkets, as well as Midmed Private Hospital with water.

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Yours sincerely

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