



PUBLIC NOTICE

WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION

19 FEBRUARY 2024

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF MERAFONG CITY

RE: UPDATE ON THE WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION

On Sunday 19 February 2024, the Municipal Manager sent out a public notice about the water supply interruption around Merafong, and it indicated that there's an urgent meeting scheduled for 20th February 2024 between the Executives of Merafong City Local Municipality and Rand Water.

Outcomes of the meeting with Rand Water:

1. **Rand Water reiterated their stance that the non-supply of water is not attributed to the implementation of water restrictions.**
2. **Rand Water indicated that their system is under constraint, and they are conducting a system balancing exercise and that is affecting several municipalities in the province and outside the province.**
3. **Rand Water is implementing systems balancing and Merafong should receive improvements in the supply of water from this afternoon to the evening.**
4. ***The Municipality will continue to monitor this process as such.***
5. **Should there be systems constraints and challenges in the future, Rand Water will earnestly inform the municipality as such.**

6. The Municipality made the commitment to submit the payment arrangement proposal to the **historical debt of R800m and current debt of almost R40m per month to Rand Water by latest this Friday, 23 February 2024.**

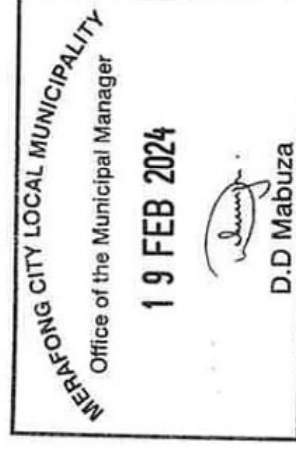
- a. Part of the proposed arrangement on the current debt will include ring-fencing a portion of the equitable share for March 2024 to the Rand Water debt.
- b. Prioritizing Rand Water from the proceeds from the implementation of the 'Payment Incentive Scheme'.
- c. Ensuring the implementation of the programs to reduce water losses and strengthening revenue collection and credit control.

7. ***Should Merafong fail to pay as per the agreement, Rand Water will have no option but to resort to implementing restrictions as such!!!***

8. **The following issues are to be noted:**

- a. The current historical debt of R800m is a cause for concern.
- b. **Close management of the debt situation requires 'an all-society approach', where the municipality plays its role in revenue management, credit control and customers to pay their accounts and on time.**
- c. Should the above measures fail, **the debt will balloon to R1billion and attract interests of R10m per month, interests which will be accounted as irregular expenditure.**

9. Finally, our residents and customers are urgently requested to heed the call to make payments into their accounts, so that the Municipality can honour its financial obligations to Rand Water and other creditors.



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