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RE : TEST RESULTS ON THE QUALITY OF LOCAL DRINKING WATER

This is a follow up communique to a statement released on December 8, 2021 in response public concerns on the brown colored water.

The statement specified that the change in the color was as a result of heavy rains that had fallen in the local region and upstream the catchment areas. At the time it was also indicated that the municipality was conducting tests on the water quality using both internal and external laboratories.

The Municipality is now in a position to present the test results from both its internal laboratory as well as from the independent accredited laboratory, Envirocare.

The Municipality can now therefore confirm that the water is suitable and fit for human consumption. As the attached copies of lab tests indicate, the water complies with the South African National Standard for Drinking Water (SANS 241:2015).

Both the color and turbidity are regarded as aesthetic determinants and do not pose a health risk to consumers. However, as stated earlier the coloring and turbidity is of concern and is regretted. Work in this regard is ongoing to address this shortcoming.

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