

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, SERVICE DELIVERY, AND
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EXECUTIVE : WATER DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT [ACTING]



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SUBJECT : **BLUE DROP STATUS FOR THE MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY**

Yes, its official!! At the 3rd annual drinking Water Conference, held at the Cape Town International Conference Centre on the 30 June 2011 The Msunduzi Municipality was awarded the coveted BLUE DROP STATUS. The Blue Drop Status was launched in 2008 by the Department of Water Affairs which focuses on an 'excellence approach' to drinking water provision and water quality performance.

It is important to note that Blue Drop Assessments does not only look at drinking water quality but also the complete "business" of the provision of drinking water which incorporates the following 8 stringent weighted criteria's:-

- Water Safety Planning and Incident Response Planning
- Process Control, Maintenance and Management Skill
- Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Programme
- Drinking Water Sample Analysis
- Submission of Drinking Water Quality Results
- Drinking Water Quality Compliance
- Publication of Drinking Water Quality Management Performance
- Drinking Water Asset Management

Due to the 'excellence approach', Blue Drop Status is only awarded to Municipalities that score greater than 95% in all of the aforementioned criteria. To this end Msunduzi has now joined an elite list of Municipalities and further confirms that our drinking water, rates amongst the best in the country.

Whilst this is a major achievement for all of Msunduzi, it would not have been possible without the invaluable support and input from:-

- Msunduzi Water Operations staff
- Msunduzi Head Office staff
- Msunduzi City Health officials
- Umgeni Water
- Department of Water Affairs
- Emanti Management – Water & Environmental Engineering Services and
- Senior Management of Msunduzi



A formal press release was conducted this morning, where his Worship the Mayor : Cllr C Ndlela briefed the media on this achievement and the attached logo which we can so proudly display.

So once again thank you to all those who have and continue ensuring that our drinking water quality is maintained.

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