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VAAL DAM WATER LEVELS CONTINUE TO RISE

The Emfuleni Local Municipality's Emergency Services and Disaster Management teams are on high alert following heavy rains over the past few days. Due to the high water flow into the Vaal dam, the Dam's management has opened all eight sluice gates to allow free flow of water downstream. This has now led to a heavy outflow into the Vaal River.

The current outflow into the Vaal River is standing at one-point-two million litres per second. This includes water flowing from the Suikerbos, Taaibosspruit, Rietspruit and Klip rivers. The water flow is almost seven times higher than the normal flow.

The Emfuleni Local Municipality would like to warn community members to be on high alert for possible flooding due to the high water levels. Communities are advised not to panic but to avoid low lying areas nearby the rivers and also not to cross any low water bridges if water is overflowing the bridge. Motorists should try and avoid certain roads such as the Golf road where it crosses the Klip River.

Residents staying in Vosloopark where the Klip River joins the Vaal River must also be on high alert because the Klip River is already overflowing in certain areas. The lower situated establishments are also advised to be on a high alert. All boat owners are advised to remove their boats from the water even if they are in boathouses on the river.

The ELM would like to assure community members that all its emergency services and disaster management teams are on high alert to provide the necessary support should the water levels continue to rise. The teams are closely monitoring the situation. Residents are urged not to panic but to be on high alert.

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