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Media Statement

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Normal operations resume at Johannesburg Water's Crown Gardens

As at Tuesday morning, 28 March, Johannesburg Water's Crown Gardens system had improved overnight.

Since opening the reservoir to 100%, the Entity has managed to sustain capacity. We experienced a positive trajectory in the last 12 to 18 hours and will continue monitoring the system. If the same positive patterns continue, with no interruptions to the system, normal operations should resume by Wednesday. Robertsham is also stable, except a few streets in the high-lying areas which will still be affected by poor pressure.

The Commando system (comprising Crosby, Brixton and Hursthill) showed progress after it had been struggling with water supply for the last week.

In the last 24 hours, the system has enjoyed an average flow of 2600 kilolitres of water inflows per hour, which meant that the Brixton reservoir could be kept open overnight. If these average inflows continue with no interruptions to the system, the Brixton reservoir can be opened at 100% and the system should go back to normal in the next four to five days. This will bring much-needed relief to Jan Hofmeyer residents and will allow for capacity to build at the Hursthill 2 system, which has been the most critical.

Ten roaming trucks and 12 stationary water tankers have been supplied to critical areas.

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