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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

NO. 5021 **3 July 2024**

WATER RESEARCH LEVY 2024/25 - RATES AND CHARGES: INCREASE OF 0%

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of Section 11 of the Water Research Act, 1971 (Act. 34 of 1971), I, Senzo Mchunu, in my capacity as the Minister of Water and Sanitation, hereby give notice of the increase in the Water Research Levy by 0% for the period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

1. The following rates and charges will be applicable as from 1 July 2024 to June 2025:

   (a) Seven hundred and ninety five cents (795c) in respect of each hectare of land of which the water use is permissible during 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 in terms of Section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the National Water Act (Act No.36 of 1998) (NWA), or in respect of which an allocation has been made under Chapter 4 of the said NWA for the irrigation thereof at any time during the said year, with water supplied or made available from government water work. These rates and charges shall be recovered by or on the instructions of the Director-General: Water and Sanitation, simultaneously with any other charge which I may make in respect of the land concerned during the said period in terms of Section 57 of the said NWA or, if no such charge is made, the charge shall be payable upon demand to the Director-General: Water and Sanitation.

   (b) The amount mentioned in 1(a) above shall apply in respect of each hectare of land permitted under the control of an irrigation board or other water management institution established in terms of the NWA for the irrigation of land at any time during the 2024/25 financial year of such board or institution with water supplied or made available from a government water work or a water work belonging to such board or institution. This charge shall be recovered by the irrigation board or statutory body concerned and shall be remitted to the Director-General: Water and Sanitation within thirty days (30) days of the close of the financial year of the irrigation board or statutory body.

   (c) With effect from 1 July 2024, seven comma seven three cents (7,73c) per cubic meter in respect of metered water supplied or made available from government water work for the purposes other than the irrigation of land: Provided that if a free allocation has been made to a specific consumer from a government water work, the said charge shall not apply to that allocation as it shall be deemed to be water supplied from his own sources by the consumer concerned. These charges shall be recovered by the Director-General: Water and Sanitation, simultaneously with any charge which I may make in terms of section 57 of the NWA in respect of the supply of water as from said date or shall be payable to him upon her upon demand.

   (d) With effect from 1 July 2024, seven comma seven three cents (7,73c) per cubic meter in respect of quantity of water supplied or made available for use for the urban, industrial or domestic purposes by statutory body or water management institution established in terms of the said NWA or by any other water services institution as defined in terms of the Water Services Act (Act No. 108 of 1997): Provided that there shall be deduction from the total quantity of water supplied or made available after 1

July 2024 by any one of the abovementioned suppliers the quantity of water supplied or made available from a government water work as contemplated in paragraph 1(c) and the quantity of water obtained from any of the abovementioned suppliers after that date in respect of which the charge referred to paragraph 1(c) or (d) has already been paid. The total amount payable in terms of this paragraph in respect of water supplied or made available shall be remitted by the supplier concerned, to reach the Director-General Water and Sanitation, Private Bag X313, Pretoria, 0001.

(e) The audited statements prescribed in terms of Section 11(3)(b) of the Water Research Act shall be submitted as soon as possible after the payments mentioned in paragraph 1(d) have been made.

2. If such rates and charges remain wholly or partly unpaid after due date, interest shall be charged in terms of section 80(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act (Act No.1 of 1999) on the outstanding amount at a rate determined from time to time by the Minister of Finance, on loans granted out of a Revenue Fund.

3. For the purpose of this notice, one cubic meter shall be equal to one kiloliter.

4. The effective date of this Notice is 1 July 2024.

MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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