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DIPALESENG SUFFERS MULTIPLE SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

Dipaleseng Local Municipality has suffered numerous service disruptions due to various challenges. A situation the municipality regrets and attempts continue to be made for the situation to return to normal and further prevent reoccurring.

Cable theft and vandalism suffered at the Balfour pump station on Saturday, 21st January resulted in dry taps for the whole of Siyathemba. The municipality then started engagements with Eskom for the replacements. The matter has since been sorted out and residents had water from Monday night.

An old bulk distribution cable feeding the Grootvlei mine section also ruptured sending the mine section into darkness. The cable in question is old and dilapidated as it was installed way back when the mine was starting out. The two kilometer cable needs to be replaced as it is no longer feasible to keep mending it. It is anticipated that, that will be sorted by the end of the week.

The high and branching trees that hang over the cable lines keep tripping the electricity in the Greylingstad and Nthoroane areas. A tree-cutting exercise was done last year but not enough was done. This will also be addressed to give long-term solution for this problem.

The municipality greatly apologizes for the inconveniences caused to the community members by all these challenges. On the same breath gratitude needs to be extended to communities for their continued understanding and tolerance during these times.

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