

MUNICIPALITY & ANGLO PLATINUM STAGE A WAR ON LEAKS

MOKOPANE: It is said that the next world war will be fought over water and not land or cultural domination. Research has shown that municipalities have experienced some water shortages and water loss over the past few years due to water leaks which has led to a loss of millions unaccounted for.

This has prompted the Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala to approach the Mogalakwena Anglo Platinum Mine to seek solutions on fixing water leaks across the municipality which has a negative impact on the revenue. The mining house responded positively by donating materials to the tune of R1.2 million to fix water leaks.

"Current water loss is at an unacceptable level and the risk of interruptions in water supply may increase during peak summer periods as our technicians will be on site fixing the water leaks. Water leakage is one of the major contributors to water scarcity in our country," said Mayor Taueatsoala.

Mayor Taueatsoala has emphasized that in an attempt to repair aging and stressed infrastructure the municipality should acquire leak-detection as a repair programme will be carried out shortly.

"On behalf of the MLM Council i strongly believe that we need to put more effort into water awareness and conservation campaigns. Our community needs to be educated about the importance of saving water and the necessity to report every leak no matter how small. Water is our most precious natural resource and it needs to be treated as such," said Mayor Taueatsoala.

Mayor Taueatsoala added that, "Incorrect water management can have devastating effects on the environment and the economy. Residents are urged to assist the municipality by reporting any leaks, burst pipes etc."