

Plans to address Ilembe water issues

Ilembe residents might have to do without water for a maximum of five days before this festive season.

District mayor Councillor Mdabe revealed this at a media tour of Umvoti Water Works that was hosted on September 23 by both the Ilembe municipality and Umgeni Water. The media tour was done in a bid to address the untimely water cuts in the areas.

Mdabe said one of the major reasons for the intermittent water cuts is siltation and that in order for the municipality to deliver proper service to the community they have to clean up the reservoirs.

"There is a lot of illegal consumption of water in

the communities and we must reduce pressure in the low zone areas. We are identifying all the areas that have a history of a low pressure system," said Mdabe.

Recently Mdabe inspected the reservoirs and in a joint effort with Umgeni Water he met with the water affairs department to secure funding.

"One other thing that was stopping the production of water was the electrical supply to keep the works running in order to generate water and we have tried to keep on working," he said.

Some of the funds will be spent on leak detection and repairs, replacement/rehabilitation of main reservoirs in the central business district and Zinkwazi beach and consumer awareness and education.



Ilembe district mayor Councillor Welcome Mdabe addresses journalists during a media tour of the Umvoti water works

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