



Festive Season Message from the CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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The Festive Season is upon us, and I want to convey warm greetings from the Board, Executive Management and Senior Managers of Umgeni Water. Another year has come to a close and it feels as if it wasn't long ago that we celebrated the Festive Season of 2015.

There is just one wish I have, and that is for all of us to enjoy ourselves when we take a break from our daily commitments and relax among family and friends.

This season is your chance to forget your daily work life and indulge in some leisurely festive activities.

During this Festive Season many of you are likely to take a stroll down memory lane and think about past similar holidays and time spent with family and friends.

I remember the feeling of peace and camaraderieship that the Festive Season and Christmas brought. It was then – and still is now – a time of togetherness and re-igniting of the spiritual flame that allows us to maintain the correct balance in life.

This is also a time to reconnect with the true spirit of Christmas and the Festive Season. This spirit is about caring, sharing, good neighbourliness and tolerance.

It is important to pause for a moment and take stock of where we have come from in 2016. This will help us focus on what has been achieved and what still needs to be done in order to successfully meet our commitments in the year ahead.

The year 2016, which has two quarters of our current financial year in it, has been a good one for our organisation.

However, one of our key challenges of water shortages in Mgeni system still remains. This will change when the drought ends.

We could not have hoped for a more superb end to 2016: on 11th November Umgeni Water received the prestigious Business of the Year Award for the second consecutive year. Umgeni Water was selected winner in the State-Owned Enterprise category. This award is made by Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Business and sponsored by Nedbank.

The year ahead holds both interesting and exciting challenges for Umgeni Water and all of us must embrace these challenges with enthusiasm and vigour.

I want to thank you for your contribution and commitment to this organisation and for guiding it through the successes it achieved and the turbulence through which it sometimes had to navigate. Your role has been invaluable.

Now all that's left to be said is: have a Prosperous New Year.

I also hope that the holidays and 2017 will bring to you a sense of peace within, as well as a feeling of goodwill towards all.

I know that when you return from your well-earned break, we will collectively put our shoulders to the wheel and work hard.

May peace and happiness be with you and your loved ones.

Yours in Genuine Black Economic Empowerment

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