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A New Name, A Broader Mandate: Lebalelo Becomes Badirammogo

[26 June 2025, Pretoria] The Lebalelo Water User Association (LWUA) has officially transitioned to the Badirammogo Water User Association (BWUA) following the gazetting of its amended constitution on 16 May 2025. Badirammogo – a Sepedi word meaning “working together” – captures the essence of the Association’s evolution: from a traditional water user association to a strategic infrastructure partner driving collaboration between the public and private sectors.

This name change is not symbolic alone; it reflects the transformation of the Association’s role through the Olifants Management Model Programme (OMMP), the expansion of its area of operation and the broadening of its mandate beyond bulk raw water provision to the construction of potable water and reticulation infrastructure for communities. While BWUA will not operate or maintain potable infrastructure, this remains the responsibility of the relevant Water Service Authority or Provider, it will continue to finance, build, operate and maintain bulk raw water infrastructure to ensure uninterrupted supply to Commercial and Institutional Members in the Northern and Eastern Limbs of the Bushveld Igneous Complex, spanning the Mogalakwena Local and Sekhukhune District Municipalities in Limpopo.

The Association’s legislative mandate has evolved to keep pace with the region’s needs and Government priorities. Under the new mandate, BWUA supports the development of linear and utility infrastructure to enable the delivery of water to areas where it’s needed most. This is a strategic shift aimed at unlocking sustainable economic growth, enhancing service delivery and improving lives.

Despite a new name, the Association’s core commitment remains unchanged. BWUA will continue to be guided by its purpose: *improving lives through water – enhancing the quality of life where we work and live*. The Association’s new vision is to be *a strategic infrastructure partner in the development, implementation and operation of sustainable economic expansion*, and its mission focuses on *supporting regional growth by enabling potable water supply through the provision of bulk raw water and the construction of enabling infrastructure*.

The OMMP is a powerful example of what can be achieved through collaboration. The Programme brings together Government, industry and communities to address long-standing infrastructure challenges.

Says Dr. Kobus Duvenhage, CEO of BWUA, “It was within this spirit of collaboration that BWUA was born – a reflection of the belief that working together, we can go further and do more.”

“As BWUA, we reaffirm our values and our commitment to delivering safe, reliable, cost-effective and sustainable infrastructure. This is not the end of a chapter – it is the beginning of a bold new one.” **Ends**

About BWUA: Established by the mining sector in the Eastern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex, BWUA (formerly LWUA), has self-financed, constructed, operated and successfully maintained its bulk raw water infrastructure for over two decades. Uninterrupted water supply, zero fatalities and less than 1% water losses annually demonstrate the Association's expertise in water infrastructure management. For more information, visit: www.lebalelo.co.za