

Access to clean water at last

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The Ngcebo community in KwaMaphumulo will soon have access to clean water after the Ilembe municipality launched a water project that will commence next year.

Through the project Ngcebo Bulk Water Supply and Maphumulo Bulk Water Supply are expected to supply clean and purified water to 99 000 people.

At a sod turning ceremony held at Kranskop on November 26 Umgeni water board chairman Nhlanhla Gasa introduced the projects.

He said the Ngcebo project will cost 28,5 million rand, and the Maphumulo project 120 million rand. This project will include the building of the Mvutshana dam. The project will commence in January

2009 and will be finished in October 2009.

Present at the function were Umgeni Water Board leaders and Ilembe municipality mayor Welcome Mdabe.

“The youth will be taught the necessary skills while working on the project, so that they can use them in future when faced with problems after the contract is finished,” said Mdabe.

He said the Ilembe municipality saw the need to supply Maphumulo people with clean water and urged people to take care of these projects.

“You must understand that we are moving on, lot of other places need development so there is no money to be wasted on repairing existing projects,” he said.

At the sod turning ceremony held in Kwa Maphumulo recently were (left) Umgeni water CEO Msiwa Mzimkhulu, Cnr NJ Khuzwayo, Ilembe municipality mayor Welcome Mdabe, Umgeni water board chairman Nhlanhla Gasa and Deniss Mbona. In the back are Ashwin Panday and Kwa Maphumulo councillors.

