

Cash injection for KZN water infrastructure

The country's second-largest water board, Umgeni Water, will spend R1,8-billion over the next five years on infrastructure projects through its Capital Works Programme.

This is as a response to economic growth and to meet the national water targets, the company said in its latest *Annual Report*. During the past year Umgeni Water continued with the planning, design and implementation of water supply infrastructure projects that focused on the augmentation of the water board's existing bulk infrastructure as well as the extension of bulk supply networks into previously unserved areas. Major projects included the upgrade of at least seven large pipelines as well as the construction of two booster pump stations.

Umgeni Water's most significant construction project during the past year was the construction of a new pipeline

along the South Coast from Amanzimtoti to Park Rynie to supply areas within eThekweni Metro and Ugu District Municipality. The pipeline is capable of delivering an average

annual daily demand of 65 Mℓ/day. The project comprises 40 km of pipeline, three service reservoirs and two booster pump stations.