

# UMGENI WATER IS FLUID

The financial focus during the year under review was to ensure that the organisation had adequate cash resources for the planned Capital Expenditure Programme, while reducing gearing levels and managing the impact of higher costs.

Revenue increased by 9% to 1,633m and was primarily driven by the 6,5% increase in bulk water tariff. Net finance costs reduced by 31% to 80m due to the lower levels of borrowing costs that were capitalised to work in progress. Interest cover ratio improved from 2,4 to 2,68 times.

The overall operating performance reflects a surplus of 541m which is 3% higher than the prior year and was primarily achieved from the reduction in finance costs.

Due to rising costs and lower volume growth Umgeni Water's average cost of potable water increased by 7% - from R1-90

to R2-03 per kilolitre. The main cost drivers are energy, maintenance, impairments and staff costs.

It is pleasing to note that Umgeni Water's tariff policy is to set the lowest possible constant tariff in real terms and has the following as its underlying principles:

- . Promotion of the efficient and sustainable use of water
- . The equitable access of water supply services
- . The solvency and sound financial management of Umgeni Water

Also to be noted: visitors do not need to buy bottled water as our water is of the finest quality! Thumbs up for Umgeni Water



**U**KUBHEKELELWA kwezimali ngesikhathi sokubuyekezwa bekuhloswe ngakho ukuninisekisa ukuthi lenhlangano inayo imali eyanele ohlelweni lwayo lokusebenzisa imali ngesikhathi inciphisa izinga kanye nokulawula izindleko eziphezulu.

Inzuzo yande ngo 9% iya ku 1,633m kanti lokhu bekwenziwa ukunyuka kwentengo yamanzi ngo 6,5%. Izindleko zinciphe ngo 31% zaya ku 80m ngenxa yezinga eliphansi lokuboleka imali. Ukunyuka kwezindleko kuya ngokuba ngcono kusukela kusukela ku 2,4 kuya 2,68.

Izindleko zakho konke ukusebenza kube ngu 541m okuyinani elikhule ngo 3% kunelangonyaka odlule lokhu kungenxa yokunciphisa izindleko.

# UMGENI WATER UWUKEISHEZI

Ngenxa yokunyuka kwezindleko kanye nokuncipha kwenani lamanzi Umgeni Water unezindleko ezikhule ngo 7% - kusukela ku R1-90 kuya R2-03 i-kilolitre. Izindleko ezinkulu, amandla, ukunakela, ukulungiswa kanye nabasebenzi.

Kuyajabulisa ukufunda ukuthi umhlahlandlela wokushaja imali kwaboMgeni Water ukuthi basaje imali encane ngokusemandleni abo kanti kukhona nalokhu okulandelayo:

- . Ukuqinisekisa ukuthi amanzi asetshenziswa ngendlela
- . Ukunikizela ngamanzi ngendlela
- . Ukulungisa ukuphathwa kwezimali kuMgeni Water

Okunye okumele kuphawuleke: Izivakashi akumele ukuthi zisze zithenge amabhodlela amanzi njengoba amanzi ethu eyikhwalthi! Iminwe phezu kuMgeni Water

