

Project Summary for Public Disclosure
(after approval of NDB financing)

Project Name	Olifants Management Model Program (Stage I)
Country	The Republic of South Africa
Type	Sovereign
Area of Operation	Water & Sanitation
Concept Approval Date	10 December 2025
Financing Approval Date	17 September 2026
Total Project Cost	ZAR 9,972 million
Initial Limit of NDB Financing	USD 200 million
Current Limit of NDB Financing	USD 200 million
Borrower	The Republic of South Africa
Project Entities	Department of Water and Sanitation of South Africa Badirammogo Water User Association
Project Context	Limpopo province in South Africa faces growing water scarcity due to variable rainfall, frequent droughts and limited surface- and ground-water resources. Household access to reliable water in parts of the province is below national averages. In Mogalakwena Local Municipality (MLM) of Limpopo, water demand increasingly exceeds available supply, leaving about one-third of the demand unmet. Existing surface water infrastructure is inadequate to meet long-term needs, while groundwater sources are constrained by depleting levels and deteriorating quality. New surface water supply schemes are therefore required to provide sustainable, climate-resilient water services for both communities and industry.
Project Description	The Project involves implementation of a bulk water supply scheme, abstracting water from Flag Boshielo Dam on the Olifants River to supply bulk raw water to industrial users in the region as well as water treatment works to enable the provision of potable water to communities in MLM. Major components include: (i) Bulk raw water infrastructure: A steel pipeline from Flag Boshielo Dam to Pruissen and from Pruissen to Sekuruwe, three new pump stations with associated renewable energy supply, balancing dams and storage reservoirs; and (ii) Bulk potable water infrastructure: Two water treatment works (in Mokopane and Sekuruwe) with a total capacity of 49 million liters per day.

Project Objective	The Project aims to improve quality of life and economic activity through increased bulk raw water availability and strengthened conveyance and treatment capacity, ensuring the expanded network can meet both social and commercial water demands in the region.		
Implementation Arrangements	Department of Water and Sanitation of the Government of South Africa will be in charge for overall planning, execution and achievement of the desired results. Badirammogo Water User Association (BWUA) will be the implementing agency responsible for carrying out all activities related to design, procurement, construction and commissioning. The Project is targeted for completion by the end of 2028.		
Environmental and Social Information	The Project has been categorized as Category B in accordance with the NDB Environment and Social Framework. The main environmental and social (E&S) risks relate to potential adverse impacts during the construction period, such as physical and economic displacement, and possible impacts on biodiversity, including protected tree species and fauna. Other risks are largely reversible and site-specific, such as vegetation disturbance, soil erosion, waste generation, and handling of hazardous substances. E&S impacts and risks will be addressed and mitigated by adherence to BWUA's E&S management systems, country systems and implementing actions as outlined in the E&S Impact Management Plan developed for the Project.		
Financing			
	Source of Fund	Amount	
	NDB	USD 200 million	
Contacts	Commercial borrowings and other sources	ZAR 6,555 million	
	NDB	Borrower	Project Entity
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