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## **MEC RODGERS PROMOTES PPPS TO ACCELERATE SERVICE DELIVERY IN UGU DISTRICT**

KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) MEC for Finance, Mr. Francois Rodgers, has written to the Mayor of Ugu District Municipality, His Worship Cllr Sikhumbuzo Mqadi, to emphasise the importance of considering a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) approach for the Cwabeni Bulk Water Supply Upgrade Project.

The proposed Cwabeni project is a strategically significant water infrastructure initiative aimed at improving bulk water supply capacity in the district. Once implemented, it has the potential to enhance reliable access to water for communities, support local economic development, and strengthen long-term service delivery sustainability.

MEC Rodgers has highlighted that the Ugu District Municipality remains a vital partner within the local government sphere, particularly in advancing infrastructure projects that directly benefit communities.

“Public-Private Partnerships allow us to bring together public oversight and private-sector expertise to fast-track delivery. For the people of Ugu, this means improved access to reliable water, better infrastructure, and services that are delivered efficiently and sustainably,” said MEC Rodgers.

MEC Rodgers added that PPPs are pivotal to building a capable and ethical state by strengthening accountability, improving performance, and ensuring value for money in public infrastructure investments.

KZN Treasury stands ready to support the Ugu District Municipality with technical guidance, compliance, and innovative financing solutions to ensure the successful delivery of this strategic project for the benefit of its residents.

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