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CITY OF EKURHULENI OWNED ENTITY ERWAT SCOOPS SIX OF THE 14 NATIONAL GREEN DROP AWARDS, CEMENTING LEADERSHIP IN WASTEWATER EXCELLENCE

The City of Ekurhuleni owned entity ERWAT (Ekurhuleni Water Care Company) has achieved a major milestone, securing six out of the fourteen nationally available Green Drop certificates and also earned the country's top three wastewater treatment systems.

The Green Drop assessment is the premium independent oversight and regulatory tool that the National Department of Water and Sanitation utilizes to assess and enforce public health, safeguard water resources, ensure sustainable water and wastewater services provision

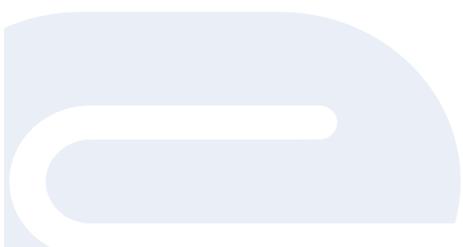
The announcement was made by the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina, during the release of the National Green Drop Report on Tuesday, 31 March 2026. The report, presented alongside updates on the Blue Drop and No Drop programmes, provides a comprehensive evaluation of South Africa's drinking water quality, service provision, and wastewater management.

The following six ERWAT Water Care Works (WCWs) in Ekurhuleni received Green Drop certification, namely

1. Benoni,
2. Carl Grundlingh,
3. Daveyton,
4. Herbert Bickley,
5. JP Marais and
6. Welgedacht.

This is a huge achievement, seeing that only 14 awards were won country-wide, of which eight are in Gauteng. ERWAT took 6 of the entire national population of awards available and was further awarded with the three best wastewater performing systems in the country, namely:

1. JPMarais
2. Welgedacht
3. Herbert Bickley



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Minister Majodina stated that the Green Drop programme remains one of South Africa's most important regulatory instruments, providing a scientifically grounded, independent assessment of how municipalities safeguard our water resources, protect public health, and uphold environmental integrity.

Present at the award ceremony were the MMC for Water and Sanitation in the City of Ekurhuleni; Councillor Jean Sthato, the Chairperson of the ERWAT Board of Directors, Ms Ursula Ntsubane, two ERWAT Board members, Mr Tshilidzi Nephawe and Mr Bohani Shingange, the City Manager of COE, Mr Kagiso Lerutla and the Head of the Water and Sanitation Department, Mr Thokozani Maseko. These distinguished delegates all affirmed that ERWAT will always work towards appropriate interventions, support, and areas of improvement, particularly in ensuring that we use the resources entrusted to us.

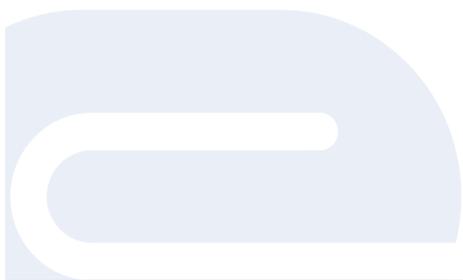
Managing Director Kennedy Chihota added that ERWAT will continue to lead the wastewater industry by delivering sustainable, affordable, and high-quality services. "These awards portray ERWAT's commitment to both municipal and industrial wastewater sectors, ensuring a sustainable future," he said.

ERWAT's achievements during the Green Drop awards are testimony to its dedication to the theme: "*Water is Life, Sanitation is Dignity*" and confirm that ERWAT is indeed the best wastewater management entity in the country.

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