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STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY

With declining dam levels, and increase in water temperatures, water quality enquiries from members of the public are naturally increasing. We would like to assure residents that the water remains safe to drink. Water quality is closely monitored via a large number of water samples analysed according to the stringent South African National Standards (SANS 241:2015) requirements.

We are currently experiencing high levels of geosmin in the water drawn from the Theewaterskloof Dam. Geosmin is a naturally occurring organic compound which has an earthy flavour and aroma and which is sometimes present in water.

Stellenbosch Municipality will start dosing powdered activated carbon during the water treatment process in an attempt to deal with geosmin concentration. It may take some time for the taste and smell of the water to normalise over a large area of distribution with Stellenbosch Municipality.

It must be emphasised that geosmin poses no threat to human health. Even minute concentrations can be detected by the incredibly sensitive human palate.

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