

# Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project inaugurated

Minister of Water & Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewa, officially inaugurated the multibillion Rand Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project in Mpumalanga at the start of National Water Week earlier this year. The scheme is dedicated to supply water to Eskom's Matla and Duvha

power stations. The Matla power station reservoir will, in turn, also provide water to the Kusile power station, currently under construction. TCTA was directed in 2008 by the Department of Water Affairs to finance and implement the project, which has since been completed in time and within budget. Speaking at

the inauguration, Molewa said that the augmentation scheme would resolve water-supply challenges to Eskom's Duvha and Matla power stations through the additional yield of 57 million m<sup>3</sup> a year that would be supplied. A new 58,6 km pipeline with a capacity of 1 684 m<sup>3</sup>/s was also constructed as part of the project.

All photographs by Lani van Vuuren



Minister of Water & Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewa.



Inside the new Komani pump station, constructed as part of the Komati Water Scheme Augmentation Project.



The Rietfontein Weir forms part of the network of water infrastructure to bring water to the Duvha and Matla power stations.



Entertainment on the day was provided by song and dance groups from the surrounding local communities.