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ERG's Frontier mine commissions water reticulation system in the DRC

The reticulation system is designed to provide the Sakania Municipality and its approximate 20,000 households with a reliable and sustainable source of clean water

As the global community celebrates World Water Day, Eurasian Resources Group (ERG) is pleased to highlight the commissioning of its Amenshi E Bumi (meaning *Water is life in Bemba*) water reticulation system in Sakania.

The commissioning of Amenshi E Bumi was celebrated in a ceremony attended by his Excellency the Governor of the Province of Haut-Katanga, Mr Jacques Kyabula Katwe, various provincial ministers, local representatives, community groups and Frontier mine management in December 2022.

Frontier mine initiated the project in 2020 to address the water supply issue that had arisen due to the population of Sakania surpassing the original town water supply capacity. Amenshi E Bumi project kicked off with short- and medium-term solutions including the repair of water pumps, drilling of additional wells, rehabilitation of boreholes in the Sakania vicinity and the installation of solar pumps to deliver water to the community in the interim.

During the commissioning ceremony, Xavier Thérin, General Manager at Frontier mine, spoke, saying: "We take great pride in this project for its contribution to the sustainable development and welfare of our communities. The residents of Sakania now have a constant supply of water, and with the reticulation system's many access points, no one in the community needs to venture further than 250 metres to gain access to clean water."

The Amenshi E Bumi water reticulation system comprises three large-diameter, high-flow boreholes as its supply source and two water tanks with an aggregated capacity of 3,300 cubic metres. This provides a total flow of 411 cubic metres of water per hour transported through a network of pipes spanning 21,452 metres, to provide the town of Sakania with an ample, sustainable, and continuous water supply.

His Excellency the Governor of the Province of Haut-Katanga, Mr. Jacques Kyabula Katwe commented: "We are grateful today and always for the support we receive from the mining community and in this case from Frontier. Today we are witnessing first-hand the fruits that stem from mining companies, Government and the local population working together to correctly identifying the needs of a community and then implementing initiatives that truly meet them."

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