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Raymond Renzi from the Raymond Renzi Company and Sid Venter of CMT Lab with Cllr Ugan Chetty (MPAC chairperson).

Businesses give uThukela a hand

Local business owners decided not to fold their arms and simply

watch while the water problem in Estcourt carries on unabated.

Some communities last tasted tap water in December!

The proactive business owners got together and fixed a burst water pipe in the industrial area, along Loskop Road.

The persistent problem with this pipe led to people in three wards not having water, including the industrial area and Forderville.

The businessmen believe that the water shortage will be reduced after fixing this pipe.

Water is the number-one topic in Estcourt these days, including on social media.

Some say it's been months since water ran from their taps,

particularly in Emabhalonini, Fordeville and parts of Wembezi Township.

Raymond Renzi of the Raymond Renzi Company says that in December, they contacted the Natal Chamber of Commerce and then contacted uThukela District Municipality to assist.

Unfortunately, uThukela failed in this respect, citing a lack of equipment, vehicles and funding. "So the Estcourt businesses got together and decided they would help uThukela with the materials needed," said Renzi.

He continued that they understood the challenges facing

uThukela at the moment, which led to them being unable to fix burst pipes. Renzi conveyed his thanks to everyone and every company that contributed to this initiative, including the Al-Imdaad Foundation that assisted with water.

MPAC chairperson Councillor Ugan Chetty commented that uThukela workers were also part of this initiative and helped with repairs to the pipe.

He further explained that they made arrangements with Inkosi Langalibalele Local Municipality to also have their EPWP workers come and assist.



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