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PREMIER MOKGORO INSTRUCTS DEPARTMENTS TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON COVID-19 PPE PROCUREMENT

Mahikeng – North West Premier, Prof Tebogo Job Mokgoro today instructed all Provincial Government Departments and Public Entities to submit reports relating to all procurement done in connection with the procurement of COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as well as medical supplies to his office by tomorrow morning, Friday 07 August 2020.

Premier Mokgoro took the decision in response to President Cyril Ramaphosa's pronouncement on Government's efforts to root out and deal with alleged corruption in the procurement of COVID-19 PPE and medical supplies. Premier Mokgoro has further committed the North West Provincial Government to fully cooperate with the Cabinet Committee announced by the President to deal with the alleged corruption of PPE sourced for the purpose of containing and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon receiving all the reports, the Premier will also submit a consolidated Provincial Report on COVID-19 procurement to the Cabinet Committee before end of business tomorrow.

The Premier also calls on the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) to investigate all the procurement of COVID-19 PPE and medical supplies in the North West so that all those who will be found responsible can be brought to book.

The Premier has also taken note of the concerns of the Chairs of the Committees of North West Provincial Legislature; which includes non-compliance with constitutional legislative prescripts and policy direction and lack of either action or responses to matters resolved as House Resolutions and questions from the Legislature Committees by Members of the Executive Council. Some of those concerns also include allegations of corruption and prolonged processing of criminal cases that opened with law enforcement agencies for the last two years in the North West.

Premier Mokgoro wishes to assure the people of North West of the remaining unshakeable commitment to serve them honestly and effectively to redress any other corruption that might be found to have taken place during the procurement of COVID-19 PPE and medical supplies.

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